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## Waterfront golf proposal irks residents, supervisor

**Dawn Frasier**  
Newly-elected Contra Costa supervisor Jim Rogers received about 150 cards in response to a special campaign plea. Rogers included golf tees in a campaign mailer he sent to local residents prior to the election. His goal was to solicit responses to a plan by the Catellus Development Corporation to construct a golf driving range at Point Isabel, a popular dog walking destination for many El Cerrito and Albany residents.

Rogers also encouraged residents to write cards to Catellus opposing the project and hopes the company received as many or more than he. Rogers said he got one or two responses supporting the new range. "It's pretty clear where the community stands," he said. "I think we've gotten them to sit up and take notice."

There are few public parks in which dogs are allowed to free run. They can do so at Point Isabel, a portion of which is owned by the East Bay Regional Park District. Since there is no fence between the park and the golf course, dogs can wander onto the golf course. See DOGS, page 24

## West County schools face possible strike

**Shannon Morgan**  
Last week's informational picketing by West County school district teachers and support staff may be the first step on the road to a strike after the new contract was rejected.

District employees, who took a 9 percent pay cut three years ago in the face of district bankruptcy, took the streets after negotiations on a contract reopened over whether and how pay cuts should be related. About 1,450 teachers from the United Teachers of Alameda and 1,400 custodians, office and cafeteria workers and school police called for renegotiations of the 1993-94 contract to address the monetary issues, but the district reached an impasse and resolution through state mediation has failed.

"There's nothing left for employees short of a strike. Unless the district changes its position it finally does look like a strike may be a reality."

"We see no evidence that the district is even wrestling with the problem," said Jerry Brooks, president of the United Teachers of Richmond union.

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## Visual aid



Laura Stein

This cuddly snow leopard was one of four animals to visit Sierra School last week.

## Marine World animals visit El Cerrito school

By Laura Stein

EL CERRITO — Sierra School students took a trip from the deserts of Africa to the tundra of the North

Arctic via a slide show presented by animal trainers from Marine World Africa U.S.A. last week.

Students also viewed photographs of animals living in extreme climatic regions of the world, and learned how animals cope in dramatic weather.

"Ooohs" and "aahhs" floated throughout the auditorium while an animal trainer explained the strengths of the great white polar bear, who can sniff out a seal 20 miles away and kill it with one swoop of its paw.

Marine World brought four animals to the school to allow students a better look; two ferret foxes from North Africa, a caribou from the Arctic and a snow leopard from Asia.

The students, however, seemed most excited over the small reindeer - when the student body was asked to list uses the reindeer serves for humans, one bright child raised his hand and answered "To pull sleighs."

## Encouraging news on El Cerrito library measure

By Dawn Frasier

EL CERRITO — The defeat of the proposed library tax on the November ballot wasn't good news for anybody, but the Friends of the El Cerrito Library have found the bright side and think it may bode well for the future. While the tax failed to win the 2/3 majority needed county wide, it in fact passed by a simple majority in all 16 cities involved and in the unincorporated Kensington area.

"In El Cerrito, the vote was 6,936 for, 2,858 against."

"We are very encouraged by the fact that El Cerrito passed the tax by over 70 percent," said Eileen Leon, former president of the Friends organization. "We also find it encouraging that the tax would have won if it had just been decided in the first supervisorial district. (That vote was 15,261 for, 7,504 against.)"

Leon knows the issue of financing well. She served as president during the last two years when the Friends

were working diligently to go beyond their normal role of supplementing library resources, raising funds to keep the library open more hours.

"In the last two years, we've spent \$8,000, and the city has spent about \$3,000 in maintaining open hours on Friday and Saturday afternoons," said Leon. "Now, since we certainly can't keep that up, we're formulating plans to see what we can do about this obvious

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## Annual Hillside Run Saturday

**Dawn Frasier**  
EL CERRITO — The Hillside Run is alive and well and scheduled for Saturday. The 26th annual run begins at 9 a.m. at Cerrito Vista. Participants will meet in front of the Contra Costa Civic Theatre at Contra Costa and Mooser Lane. It's a little late in the fall for the run, but there won't be the organizational and prizes there were in the past, but longtime supporters are as enthusiastic as ever. Attorney Rich Bartke, former mayor of El Cerrito (and husband of recent mayor Jane Bartke), is one of the supporters. The first race took place in 1969; it's always in the fall, and we've had exactly the same weather. "That makes it one of the oldest (continuous) races in the East Bay — maybe the oldest."

## Santa time



Loryn Heath sits with Santa, above, reminding parents to collect your children and your camera and take them to the Albany Chamber of Commerce office at 1108 Solano Ave. on Saturday, Dec. 17, 11 a.m. to noon for photo time with Santa Claus. At noon, weather permitting, Santa will visit all Albany stores on Solano and San Pablo avenues, giving candy canes to youngsters.

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## DARE Program comes to Albany

By Tara Suan

ALBANY — Albany police officer Ron "Spider" Bennett will soon take on the task of job arming children with the weapons to fight peer pressure — but some community members are hankering for more and say they want a full-time youth officer, not just a part-time classroom cop.

Bennett, 44, will begin teaching a weekly Drug Abuse Responsibility Education (DARE) program in an effort to stem the spread of illegal drugs and alcohol in schools through prevention rather than punishment. "It's designed to deal not only with drugs abuse but gang violence as well — we will show them how to deal with anger, and teach them self-esteem and mutual respect," said Bennett who has been with the Albany police department since 1985.

In January, Bennett will visit four sixth grade classes on a weekly basis, half the total number of sixth graders in the Albany district. The officer will go to the Albany Middle School for two hours on Monday and Tuesday to have a one-hour session with each of the four classes.

At the end of the semester, the pilot program will be evaluated and the possibilities of expanding Bennett's duties will be discussed. Terry Corpus, principal of the

Albany Middle School, and Police Chief Larry Murdo were largely responsible for coordinating this effort, though the district's other schools have also expressed a great interest in the DARE program.

But because of the city's dire financial picture, the hopes of installing Bennett as a full-time youth officer — whose job description would center on youth outreach activities — have been shelved, for now.

Murdo said Bennett will remain in the standard rotation for their department, meaning Bennett will work at the school during the times he is normally on patrol.

Four officers are on duty at all times during the day, but while Bennett is at the school for the four hours each week, he will not be patrolling with the other three officers.

Murdo said Bennett's absence would not create problems for the department in terms of staffing and patrol coverage.

"It can be a problem, but we are trying to craft it so its not," said Murdo. "While it appears there will be no adverse impact, there are a number of factors that we need to work with."

Bennett's new title as a DARE officer comes both at the behest of the community and Murdo's efforts. "This was a campaign promise I made in 1986," said Murdo. "The

fact of the matter is, this is a very high priority for me."

School Board member Dianne McNenny echoed the sentiment but stressed, "What I would really like is an officer in the high school and elementary school as well."

She added, "This has been a community priority to get a youth officer. I know the chief feels he has other constraints but I wish we could have more."

Murdo, however, has been scrambling to find the money to fund Bennett as a DARE officer.

The DARE program, requires that youth officers undergo rigorous training before they enter a classroom. Bennett went to the western regional training site in Los Angeles during October, where he

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## Remembering When

By William Paul

### Little known antics of press box competition

One of these days someone is going to write a book about the history of press boxes at athletic events. It might start out like the following:

Press boxes might be called Topsees — they weren't raised, they just "grewed." They probably started when some sports reporters got together at some games and cooperated in sharing the news with friends.

Pretty soon some stadium owners provided a special area to house them and little by little they developed into the massive organizations of today, serving both print and electronic media on a worldwide basis.

Before 1920, or thereabouts, the frantic race to get the results of popular events into print first depended on availability of telephones between the stadium and the rewrite men downtown, and on time of going to press.

But all that changed in about the early 1920s when radio stations began broadcasting instant play-by-play results. Baseball games were the most popular games being broadcast.

That eliminated the time-of-press factor — everyone heard the last "out" made at the same time. The main competition then was for the broadcaster to paint the best mind's-eye picture of the action to the listener.

As I recall, the first trick I remember being used was for the broadcaster to knock two sticks together to paint a sound

picture of the bat hitting the ball and later a ball going into the catcher's mitt. This bit of magic was accomplished by a guy at the broadcasting studio getting his information over the telephone from the reporter in the press box at the game. Pretty slick, no?

It is perhaps fortunate that TV came along before it became necessary to dream up sound effects for the cracking of bones and creating a noise like a concussion for football players. How would you go about the noise of blood oozing from ... oh, forget it.

The most enthusiastic advocate of this type of broadcasting to work locally was Ernie Smith, who really took his work seriously. Ernie was best at football broadcasting; he'd work himself up into a lather on a long, successful forward pass, or a long end run that even threatened to become a score. You'd be right there on the field with him either urging on or trying to stop the runner.

The early broadcasters of sports events were surprised to find that, even though at first they felt they might not be able to keep up with the action on the field or floor, the thing they dreaded most was the time-out periods. Those meant "dead air."

Dead air meant the listeners might head for the refrigerator — no listeners, lost ads, lost customers, lost advertisers, lost

jobs. All of which led to the need for something to talk about during the breaks.

Enter guys like Howard Cosell. Enter, also, pairs of broadcasters with everything from 3-inch by 5-inch card files to computers full of facts, records, hardware, software, stuff that got really hard wear at quiet times during the games.

While they wheel the gurney out onto the field to carry off Joe Blow who has just gotten himself a compound fracture of his fibia, the broadcaster can entertain the audience with the fact that the guy who last carried the ball was an all-state halfback from Van Buren High School in Podunk, Ga., and played at Gremlin College. While the camera looks the other way, of course.

Meanwhile, up in the air-conditioned, glassed-in press box filled with comfortable seats, dozens of AC and other kinds of outlets leading heaven knows where, and ample supplies of refreshments, all's well with the Fourth Estate.

Yes, sir; that might make a rather interesting book. It could include plenty of incidents with high humor, excitement, triumphs, failures, even romance. It would be nice to have it wind up with a happy ending, don't you think? Like something happening at a game that left John Madden speechless.

That'll be the day.



that we can understand is her statement which reads: "Perhaps there are innocent explanations for the above-described incidents...perhaps some of us are just being overly sensitive". Yes, Ms. Murphy, you are being overly sensitive and overly paranoid.

For the record, the Albany Firefighters and I would like to clear up any and all of Ms. Murphy's impetuous conclusions regarding the "incidents" which she mentioned in her letter to the Editor. First of all, the "incident" which took place between Albany resident Eric Hanson and an Albany firefighter was a personal disagreement that occurred between two private individuals who had a difference in opinion. The firefighter was off duty at the time of the disagreement and was not representing or promoting the views of the Albany Fire Department. It was just an unfortunate exchange of words between two private individuals who had strong opposing views and nothing more. The "incident" is currently under proper legal investigation and does not need to be further addressed.

The next "incident" that Ms. Murphy felt was so important to inform readers about was the repetitive report in which Albany residents saw "firefighters driving a fire department vehicle through Albany neighborhoods...slowing down and stopping to take notes every few houses." Yes, the Albany Firefighters do drive Fire Department vehicles while on duty. Yes, we do drive slowly through Albany neighborhoods taking notes every few houses. We have new firefighters in our department who are routinely tested on the location of streets and addresses in Albany in order to familiarize themselves with the City. We are also in the process of updating our multi-functional city-wide map which we keep posted in the firehouse. I am sure this kind of professional competence and accuracy is absolutely expected of their Fire Department by the Albany residents. We also have two firefighters who are responsible for the water heater strapping and installation of smoke detectors in the homes of the Albany residents. You will often see them driving slowly in Fire Department vehicles through the streets of Albany taking notes on which residence has or has not had water heater strapping or smoke detector installation. (We are the only fire department in California who offers both of these services to its residents.) Ms. Murphy became "overly sensitive" because they were doing their job on the weekend before the election day.

The next "incident" which was observed and interpreted by Ms. Murphy is the alleged misconduct of the Albany Firefighters at the Oct. 25 debate concerning Measure F. Yes, it is true as Ms. Murphy reports, that there were Albany Firefighters present and in uniform at the meeting. Like any other concerned resident of Albany, the firefighters also wanted to listen to the arguments presented during the debate. Ms. Murphy felt that the presence of the uniformed Albany Firefighters "standing by the exits at the back of the auditorium" represented, in her view, an "intimidating show of force." But Ms. Murphy failed to consider or realize the fact that on-duty firefighters should always be, as she so observantly pointed out, "standing by the exits at the back of the auditorium" because they need quick access out of a crowded building in the case of an emergency call! I am sorry that Ms. Murphy misinterpreted the firefighters' "emergency readiness" by standing near the exits at the back of the auditorium as an "intimidating show of force" at the meeting.

Ms. Murphy also seemed overly concerned about the firefighters' use of the City phone lines. For the record, the Albany Firefighters have a private "house line" in which they may conduct any of their evening private calls to their wives, children, or friends. They do not use the City phone lines for "campaign" purposes or for any other business other than Fire Department related activity.

To comment on Ms. Murphy's puzzling statement that the firefighters "have clearly demonstrated that they are willing to place their personal economic interests above our concerns about public safety," I only have to say that the Albany Firefighters have been one of the lowest paid firefighters in the entire Bay Area for over 15 years, and this unfortunate economic situation has never, nor will it ever, effect the quality or professionalism of the Albany Firefighters or the public safety of the residents of Albany.

I am sorry that Ms. Murphy has become "overly sensitive" and has responded by throwing back unfounded knee-jerk reactions to perfectly innocent incidents.

Marc McGinn, Albany Fire Chief

### History questioned

Editor:

While thumbing through your publication last week my eye was caught by the heading of an article

by Clara-Rae Genser, "The unbelievable Cerrito resident Milton Wolff" (Dec. 1) telling about his adventures with the Albany Lincoln Brigade in the Spanish Civil War.

First of all, one must admire any man who bravely volunteers for combat under hardship on foreign soil. I remember at the most of America saluted these men as heroes. However, to provide a little balance to the panegyric and attempt to set the record straight will offer another point of view.

Most objective historians would agree Mr. Wolff's side prevailed, Spain would be ruled, not by a fascist dictator allied with Mussolini, but by a communist dictator, Stalin, hardly an appetizing alternative.

A recent book, "The Odyssey of Abraham Lincoln Brigade" by Peter N. Carroll, written by Stephen Schwartz of Heterodoxy, a publication. A copy of that review is enclosed if one might discount Mr. Schwartz's possible ideological slant, it still disturbing questions about the truth of the account.

### Unanswered question

Editor:

Sometimes feelings of discontent arise. Words spoken in the heat of the moment often not the right words, and if the words all that may be left are words that would better left unsaid. But when the discontent perhaps one should speak.

Virtually everyone I know who lives in Albany feels lucky and happy to be here. We all stories. Mine may be typical of many. I brought me and my family to California 15 years ago. All houses in the West Bay of reach, livable houses in Berkeley were reach and Walnut Creek held no appeal.

Our real estate agent told us that Albany had a good reputation, so it seemed like a good idea. Our three preschoolers were quickly taken to Albany Parent Nursery. The last of them graduate from Albany High this year. All schools are not without problems, but they manage to do a fine job with limited resources. I am amazed at how hard so many have made these schools what they are.

So if my children have survived the post-Proposition 13 era without major problems, why is it that I no longer feel so lucky to live in Albany?

Could it be that I am a member of the veritable nattering nabob of negativism? I would not be so bad. I know Peggy Thorne Suzanne Murphy. They are friends of mine. I tell you that neither is a Michael Feinstein Agnew.

But I think my own brand of discontent perhaps Peggy's and Suzanne's and stems from something different. Frankly, I had always hoped that Albany could be a place that is not. I think we had hoped that it truly unique community ethic in this area. We had hoped that a new generation of leaders would endeavor to promote what we perceived as that community ethic.

Well, Peggy and Suzanne, we were not. We could have been so naive, or, for that matter, presumptuous? The more things change, the more they stay the same. You know that, don't you? I was in denial.

But the question that troubles me is my spouse and I approach what will be our season with school-age children is this: I care that Albany sold itself to a high bidder, having closed the auction to all but our history, both distant and recent, is it an example of sales to high bidders. Remember Council elections of 1992 and 1994?

At times I think I have found the answer in a Camus-like sense that victory is struggle and not the outcome. But surely we would have told us that there can be no struggle over an object that is inconsequential. I am drawn back to my original question: I care?

Peggy and Suzanne, if you find the answer to the question with the answer suggested, will you let me know? Some me no one at City Hall has a clue, or if he or she is not talking.

"Part of it is when you get a little off when to duck. If a class isn't working

## Letters to the Editor

### Christmas travesty

Editor:

Here's a great Christmas story for you. It's about Jane Stamps, retired ballet teacher, who founded Stamps School of Classical Ballet on Solano Avenue, and ran it for 22 years. It's about her dozens of productions of "The Nutcracker," featuring over three hundred young dancers, done every year in the Richmond High School Auditorium for banks of video cameras manned by proud parents. It's about the fact that they took three payments of fortyone dollars each out of her measly Social Security check right here at Christmas. It's a travesty of justice that just goes by the way because they happen to people who are old and can't defend themselves.

I personally stage-managed, and played adult, non-dancing roles in her Nutcrackers for several years. She is an old (76) friend of my family in Arkansas, where Jane spent the first half of her career. Her former husband never paid social security for her, even though she handed over every penny from her ballet schools to him for twenty-two years. When she left Arkansas at the age of fortytwo, she founded her school on Solano Avenue and was a contributing member of society. We are not talking about someone who has been on Welfare her whole life, and it's certainly not that Jane is some timid person who can't speak up for herself.

It's just that last summer she realized she could collect her former husband's Social Security benefit. They told her yes, that it would add \$41 to her Social Security check. Then they wrote her a letter, informing her that this increase put her \$3 and something cents per month over the poverty line.

So she lost her SSI, and her part B of Medicare and MediCal. This loss, they have now informed her right before Christmas, amounts to about \$41, which they have deducted retroactively on her December Social Security check.

Have I made her situation clear? She can't pay her utility bills, when this amazing, generous woman wants to go out and buy presents for her grandchildren. Jane Stamps is getting beaten up by all these technicalities. I know the red tape is there to protect the system from abuse, and I know that people do rip off the system. But Jane is being hurt by it and she hasn't done anything. The Rules and Regs are being used against her, when they should

be there to help.

Jane, through old age and physical deterioration which is often the condition of the retired artist in America, is somebody who is where she is going to be until she's gone. And what can she expect from those who say they are there to help her? The shaft every time. We're not talking about somebody who is down on her luck. This has been a contributing member of the artistic and cultural life of California and Arkansas. This is a woman who was in George Balanchine's original company, and who was a featured soloist with Guy Lombardo's orchestra.

Will they be happier when Jane is homeless and completely dependent in a rest home, a ward of the state? Will that be more comfortable for the government, so somehow it will be better? Jane Stamps is a very, very proud woman. She is NOT looking for a handout. In fact she will be furious if she finds out I've done this. She is just trying to get what's there for her from federal and state agencies, who are supposed to be helping.

My question is, why aren't they giving her retroactive benefits from her husband's file? If she was eligible, they should be making back payments to her, not fining her for three payments right here at Christmas. How come every contact with them is cruel, impersonal, and assumes that she has her hand in the cookie jar?

Diana Marre  
Barbara Goucher  
friends of Jane's

### For the record

Editor:

The Albany Firefighters and I are completely shocked and disappointed by the bizarre accusations in Albany resident Suzanne Murphy's letter to the Editor dated Nov. 24. We find it extremely difficult to believe that an Albany resident could throw such outlandish accusations at the firefighters. Suzanne Murphy has the audacity to suggest, as she stated in her letter, that the Measure F campaign "raised serious questions about the professional integrity of our police and fire departments". This statement, along with her wildly imaginative accusations, is so ludicrous that the Albany Fire Department initially disregarded her attacks on the firefighters because they were so absurd. The only concern in her letter

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## Goings on About Town

## Performances

**American Bach Soloists:** Dec. 20, 7:30 p.m.: Performs Handel's Messiah at the First Congregational Church in Berkeley. For ticket information call (415) 435-5235.

**Betsy Rose:** Dec. 16, 7:30 p.m.: Performs with Judy Fjell "Everyday Magic -- Love It Like a Fool," an annual solstice concert-ritual at Unitas, 2700 Bancroft St., Berkeley.

**La Peña Community Chorus:** Dec. 17, 2-5 p.m.: Presents a free concert sponsored by Tupper & Reed at 2277 Shattuck Ave.

**Maybeck:** Dec. 18, 4 p.m.: Peter Apfelbaum, solo piano and sextet. 1537 Euclid Ave., Berkeley.

**New Giorgi Gallery Concert Hall:** Dec. 16, 8 p.m.: The Arlekin String Quartet; Dec. 17: Walter Haman, cello, Peter Bach, piano; Dec. 22: An Evening of Russian Music with Julia Ronskaya. All concerts \$7.50 and at 8 p.m. unless otherwise noted. Includes a free glass of wine from Oddbins Winery. 2911 Claremont Ave., Berkeley. Call 849-4967.

**San Francisco Early Music Society:** Dec. 17, 8 p.m.: Welcomes back Magnificat and celebrates the holiday season with the music of Claudio Monteverdi's 1610 Vespers. First Congregational Church, Dana at Durant, Berkeley.

**Berkeley Ballet Theater:** Dec. 17 and 18: "The Nutcracker" at 2640 College Ave., Berkeley. Call 843-4689.

**Ashkenaz:** Dec. 15: Resistance; Dec. 16: Caribbean Allstars; Dec. 17: California Cajun Orchestra; Dec. 18: Aldous; Dec. 21: Andrew Carrier; Dec. 22: Ojeda. 1317 San Pablo, Berkeley. Call 532-5054.

**Freight & Salvage:** Dec. 15: Shay & Michael Black; Dec. 16: Roy Book Binder; Dec. 17: Carol McComb & Ed Johnson's holiday show; Dec. 18: Tony Elman and April Cope; Dec. 21:

Bryan Bowers; Dec. 22: Holiday Celebration. 1111 Addison St., Berkeley. Call 548-1761.

**Kimball's East:** Through Dec. 18: Brian McKnight; Dec. 21-24: Charles Brown; Dec. 28-Jan. 1: Alex Bugnon & Special EXX. All shows 8 and 10 p.m. unless otherwise noted. \$18-\$24. 5800 Shellmound St., Emeryville. Call 658-2555.

**La Peña:** Dec. 17, 9:30 p.m.: Ritmo y Harmonia; Dec. 23, 8 p.m.: Conjunto Social y Folclórico. 3105 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. Call 849-2568.

**Starry Plough:** Dec. 15: The Old Joe Clarks, The Underthings; Dec. 16: Electric Co.; Heat; Dec. 17: The Loud Family, Durham Flyer; Dec. 18: Claddagh Band; Dec. 21: 1000 Mona Lisas; Dec. 22: Jamby. Music starts Thursday through Saturday, 9:30 p.m.; Sunday, 8 p.m. unless otherwise noted. 3101 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. 841-2082.

**Meetings, Classes, Lectures and other events**

**Arts Fair:** Through Dec. 23: Featured artists perform at The Berkeley Store Gallery's Arts, Crafts and Music Fair. Call 649-0272.

**East Bay Depot for Creative Reuse:** Dec. 17, 19, 23 and 24, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.: Gift wrapping with recycled materials. In front of Whole Earth Access at Ashby and Fifth streets in Berkeley.

**Telegraph Avenue Holiday Street Fair:** Dec. 17, 18 and 21-24: Features over 200 of Northern California's best craft artists. Call 287-9377.

**Women Artists:** Dec. 16-18, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.: 5th Annual Holiday Art Show & Sale. 1500 Park Ave., Emeryville.

**Berkeley Hiking Club:** Dec. 18: 8:30 a.m.: Muir Woods, call (415) 381-9129; 9:30 a.m.: Mini hike, Acalanes Ridge, call 943-3095.

**Berkeley/Albany Midweek Ski Club:** Midweek skiers' social club meets first and third Tuesdays. Sharing cuts the cost of club owned Tahoe City ski lodge. Must be over 21. Call 451-1044.

**Contra Costa Hills Club:** Dec. 18: Strawberry Creek, 841-9029.

**REI:** Offers several Learn-to-Ski weekends this winter. Jan. 7: Royal Gorge. 527-4140.

**Berkeley Covenant Church:** Dec. 19, 7 p.m.: "The Love Story of Christmas." 1640 Hopkins St., Berkeley. 526-8775.

**Berkeley Fellowship Hall:** Dec. 17, 2 p.m.: "A Time To Celebrate," holiday stories and songs from many traditions, with storyteller Diane Ferlatte and children's folksinger Nancy Raven. 1924 Cedar St., Berkeley. Call 849-1438.

**BRJCC:** Dec. 16, 7:30 p.m.: The Society of Humanistic Jews presents "Ethics of Our Fathers" with Tamara Feldstein, rabbinic candidate. 1414 Walnut St., Berkeley. Call 848-0237.

**Congregation Beth Israel:** Dec. 25, 9 a.m.: "Jewish Warmth on a Cold December Day: Being Jewish in a Christian Land," a day of learning and discussion with Prof. Daniel Boyarin, Sheila Jelen and Rabbi Finkelman. 1630 Bancroft Way, Berkeley. Call 559-9017.

**Greek Orthodox Cathedral:** Dec. 16, 8 p.m.: "An International Christmas," an evening of songs and carols. Admission is free. 4700 Lincoln Ave. Call 531-3400.

**Berkeley Folk Dancers:** International folk dance lessons. Beginners class: Tuesdays, 7:45-9:45 p.m. Classes for other levels available. 1301 Shattuck at Berryman, Berkeley. Call 527-2491.

**Berkeley YMCA:** Dec. 14, 7:30 p.m.: Karate demonstration by Shotokan Karate of America's Berkeley and San Francisco Dojos at 2001

Alston Way. Call 848-9622.

**El Cerito Rec:** Holiday soccer sports camp Dec. 19 through 30. New Year's Eve Party -- Kid's Night Out Dec. 31.. 7007 Mooser Lane, El Cerrito. Call 215-4371.

**Bay Area Puppet Playhouse:** Dec. 17, 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.: Free children's shadow puppetry workshop. 2353 C San Pablo Ave., Berkeley. Call 644-0715.

**California Writers' Club:** Dec. 17: Phyllis Sterling Smith "A Loaf of Bread, A Jug of Wine, and a Translating Dictionary." 2362 Bancroft Way. Call 237-8497 or 845-4725.

**City Commons Club:** Dec. 16, noon: "Christmas program," features singers form the Berkeley Opera Company. 2315 Durant Ave., Berkeley. Call 848-3533.

**Contract Bridge:** Berkeley-El Cerrito-Richmond League unit has duplicate bridge games at several times and places. Call 232-6689 or 526-1767.

**East Bay Genealogical Society:** Dec. 14: December meeting features the annual Cookie Exchange and member presentations. Call 635-6692.

**Great War Society:** Dec. 10, 10:30 a.m.: East Bay chapter meeting topic "The Role of Aircraft in Determining Outcome of the War." Call 527-7118.

**Kensington Senior Activity Center:** Dec. 22, 11 a.m.: Rev. Ken Barnes gives a Christmas reading. Arlington Community Church, 52 Arlington, Kensington. Call 526-9146.

**North Berkeley Senior Center:** Dec. 19, 1 p.m.: "Facts You Should Know Before You Sell Your House"; Dec. 23, noon: Holiday dinner and party. All events at 1:15 p.m. unless otherwise noted. 1901 Hearst St., At MLK, Jr. Way. Call 644-6107.

**Exhibits**

**ACCI:** "Joie de Vivre" ACCI's first

holiday gift show runs through Dec. 30. 1652 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. Call 843-2527.

**Albany Library:** "Wood is Wonderful," an exhibit featuring Holgate toys from yesterday and today runs through Dec. 31. 1247 Marin Ave., Albany. Call 526-3720.

**Bakery Cafe:** "New Paintings by Jennifer Pearson" runs Dec. 27 through Feb. 7. The Bakery Cafe at the Berkeley Bowl, 2777 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. Call 527-4912.

**Berkeley Art Center:** "Songs of Innocence/songs of Experience," an exhibition of mixed media work by local artists Edythe Boone, Kaleo Ching and Nancy Mizuno Elliot opens with a reception Dec. 18, 2 p.m. Runs through Jan. 21.

**Berkeley Artisans:** Through Dec. 18: Holiday open studios featuring over 100 artisans. Free maps available for pickup at 1250 Addison St., #214 or call 845-2612.

**Berkeley Artist:** Leon Saperstein - photographs, through Dec. 31. Cafe Kati, 1963 Sutter St., San Francisco. Call (415) 775-7313.

**Berkeley Historical Society Museum:** "Drop Me A Line: A Postcard Review," runs through April 1. 1931 Center St., Berkeley. Call 848-0181.

**Berkeley Store Gallery:** "Recent Paintings and Drawings by Amy Kaufman" through Jan. 14. 2230 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. Call 649-0272.

**East Bay Heritage Quilters:** Quilt Show through Jan. 9 at 300 Lakeside Drive, Mezzanine Art Gallery, Oakland.

**Gallery of the Center for Psychological Studies:** "Crosstalk" painted conversations between females by Benny Alba runs through Jan. 3. 1398 Solano Ave., Albany. Call 524-0291.

**Graduate Theological Union:**

"The Architecture of Light" Architecture in Istanbul, and the Mediterranean exhibit of black and white photographs by Blaine Ellis runs Dec. 22. 2400 Ridge Road, Berkeley. Call 639-2400.

**Hearst Museum of Art:** "Trance: Images of the Mind," a photography exhibit runs through Jan. 2. 103 College Avenue and Bancroft, Berkeley. Call 843-2527.

**Nature Company:** "The World," a special exhibit runs through Jan. 2 at 2400 Ave., Berkeley. Call (415) 843-2527.

**New Pieces:** "Stratagem," an exhibit of quilt by Friedland and Rebecca runs through Jan. 4. 1330 Ave., Berkeley, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. day - Saturday and noon - Sunday. 527-6779.

**Nexus Gallery:** Oakland artists on exhibit through 2701 8th St., Berkeley. 8780.

**NIAD:** "Floor Cloth" runs through Dec. 31 at Oakland Gallery in Ghirardelli Square, North Point St., San Francisco. (415) 441-1537. "Art From the Holiday Fair and exhibition" Dec. 30 at 551-23rd St., Albany. Call 620-0290.

**Refractions:** "Impromptu Sante Fe," an exhibit of photography by Susan Betteheim through at 600 San Pablo Ave., Albany. Call 527-8664.

**Sticks:** "Watercolor and Etchings by Elizabeth Kline" through Jan. 7 at 15788 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. Call 526-8603.

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## Firefighters seek help with food, toy drives

Berkeley firefighters are asking residents to help out with the annual Toys for Tots drive and their local canned food drive.

All Berkeley fire stations have barrels for donations of toys and canned goods. Fire department

spokesmen say canned goods are in especially short supply to date.

Firefighters plan to distribute the contributions to needy families during the week preceding Christmas.

## UC employees get raise; irked by 'incentive' pay

By Tara Mack

University of California staff and faculty were notified last month that they would be getting a raise. Although raises seem like good news for everyone, some staff members said they are not satisfied with the way the money is being distributed.

Some union employees on the lower end of the pay scale said they are concerned that money that could have gone to cost-of-living adjustments is being used for one-time bonuses based on performance.

"There's a lot of animosity about that," said Janice Kimball, president of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees-Local 3211, which represents clerical workers.

But Norm Cheever, special assistant for human resources for the university system, said the university needs to beef up its incentive program to prepare for an uncertain economic future.

Although UC received good funding for salaries this year, Cheever said, "whether or not that will happen next year is anybody's guess."

Staff raises are doled out through a complex pay scale system that divides non-faculty staff into four tiers. Under this year's budget plan, non-union members of the lowest-paid tier, which includes clerical and service employees, are scheduled to receive a 2.2 percent cost-of-living adjustment.

An amount equivalent to 8 percent of the salaries of members of the three bottom tiers will be added to the incentive program, a performance-based salary pool. Discretionary rewards

Kimball said the university should have given those employees

a 3 percent COLA instead of using .8 percent for the incentive program. While COLAs are distributed to everyone, she said, distribution of money in the incentive program is left to the discretion of an employee's supervisors.

"Supervisors may or may not want to give someone a merit increase," Kimball said.

Lisa Carlin, the Berkeley representative for AFSCME Local 3210, the service employees union, said giving supervisors the power to make decisions about who deserves a raise leaves the incentive program vulnerable to discrimination.

The division of the salary increase is particularly offensive after last year's 3.6 percent cut in clerical workers' wages, said Kimball. That pay cut was a real hardship for many clerical staff, she said, most of whom are single mothers making an average of \$22,000 per year.

Employees represented by a union, like the clerical and service employees, do not automatically receive the raise. Their salary increases are subject to collective bargaining. After a bitter contract battle with the university last year, Kimball said, the union members "felt they couldn't go through that another year." This year they decided to accept the pay distribution without a fight.

But the service employees union, which includes custodians and food service employees, has not given in so easily. On Nov. 28

and 29 they rejected UC's offer. Service employees, who earn an average of \$20,000 per year, took a 3.5 percent pay cut last year and have not received an increase in four years, Carlin said.

Bonuses from the incentive plan, Carlin pointed out, are one-time increases that don't count toward future salary raises because they don't add to an employee's base salary.

But Cheever said although this year the university received a 2 percent increase over last year's budget, next year UC might not be so fortunate.

In July the UC regents said they would increase faculty and staff salaries and lower student fees if the state did not enact midyear cuts. On Nov. 15 state controller Gray Davis announced that financial good fortune — increased tax revenue, a reduction in the welfare case load and lower school enrollment — would make budget cuts unnecessary. For next year the regents are asking for a 7.9 percent increase.

"Faced with the extreme uncertainty of what we're going to be getting in the future" Cheever said, the regents decided to "pump up" the incentive program.

Rewarding meritorious service, said Debra Harrington, manager of labor relations at Berkeley, helps to streamline staff performance, so that the university can do the same work with fewer staff.

For now, whether most union staff will receive pay raises is still undetermined.

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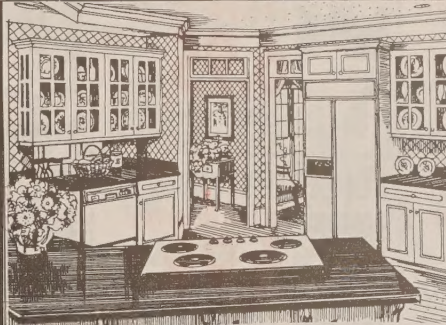
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Police Reports

# El Cerrito man arrested after brandishing knife

**By Dawn Frasier**  
EL CERRITO — An El Cerrito man was arrested at 6:50 p.m. Nov. 28 after brandishing a knife at one woman and two men during an argument.

A Richmond man was arrested for stealing three Christmas trees from outside Payless at 11:10 a.m. Dec. 4.

Two male suspects approached a 14-year-old boy at Ramona and Fairmount at 4:50 p.m. Dec. 6, demanding money. The victim said, "Yeah, right." The suspects laughed and walked away.

A Richmond woman was arrested for demanding property at knife-point at 11:10 p.m. Dec. 6 at the Freeway Motel.

Someone forced open the door at Leon's Haircutters between Nov.

26 and 29, then took a television and miscellaneous items.

A teacher at Portola Junior High was injured Dec. 2 when breaking up a fight between students.

A home in the 7300 block of Schmidt Lane was burglarized during the daytime, Nov. 29. The thief entered the home after breaking glass in a rear door; property stolen included jewelry and blank checks.

Miscellaneous property was taken from a home in the 6500 block of Donal Avenue on the afternoon of Dec. 4. A window was broken for entry.

A resident of the 900 block of Lexington reported that his rent money was taken by a burglar who had forced open a bedroom window during the daytime Dec. 1.

A Richmond man was arrested

in the 3100 block of Carlson Boulevard at 2:45 a.m. Dec. 4 for kicking in a resident's door and taking a jacket and ID cards.

A male suspect took a wallet from a shopper's purse at Safeway at 11:30 a.m. Dec. 5.

A 1985 Cadillac Fleetwood was stolen from the lot at McNevin Cadillac some time between June 16 and Oct. 17. The keys were also

missing.

Someone pried the steering column of a 1989 Nissan Sentra in the 7000 block of Gladys Avenue during the night of Dec. 2. The Club was in place, however, and the theft of the vehicle was unsuccessful.

A 1966 Ford Mustang was stolen from the lot at Safeway on the evening of Dec. 3; a 1978 Olds Delta 88 was taken from the 3400 block of Yosemite during the night of Dec. 11.

A San Pablo woman was ar-

rested for possession of a controlled substance and drug paraphernalia at Jefferson and San Pablo Avenue at 3:10 a.m. Dec. 3.

A San Pablo man was arrested on Knott Avenue at San Pablo Avenue at 8:21 a.m. Dec. 13 for possession of narcotics, possibly for sale.

Someone used a blow torch to remove coins from a washer box in the 2900 block of San Mateo Avenue during the night of Nov. 30. Another coin box was pried open in

the 900 block of Kearney Dec. 2 and 4, but the electrical was accessed the electrical was accessed.

A wallet and backpack were taken from a vehicle parked at Target lot while the owner was sleeping Dec. 3 between 3:30 and 4 p.m.

Property thefts from cars were reported in the 2000 block of Carmel (items taken from sole sometime during the month of December), the 2300 block of...

# Auto theft suspect arrested, three stolen cars recovered

**By K. Osborn**  
ALBANY — On the night of Dec. 15 officers responded to a report of an auto theft in progress on the 500 block of Key Route Boulevard and stopped one suspect as he was attempting to leave in his vehicle. He was arrested for having a billy club in his car. Narcotics were found during booking. The victim's car was recovered.

During the investigation officers found a 1975 Toyota SW in the area that had been stolen and a 1981 Toyota wagon which had not yet been reported as stolen out of Berkeley. The cars were released to their owners after being processed by the Berkeley police. Berkeley reported that they had a series of six Toyota thefts on the night of Dec. 5 and the early morning of Dec. 6.

Unknown vandals used paint and multicolored markers to deface a business on the 1100 block of Washington Avenue on the night of Dec. 4. There were no witnesses.

On the night of Dec. 4 an Oakland man was stopped for a minor vehicle code violation and was found to have an outstanding warrant from Emeryville in the amount of \$1,495. The subject fled but was apprehended on the 500 block of Adams Street. He was later found to also have a no-bail warrant from Alameda County. He was arrested and held for charges. His car was towed.

On the morning of Dec. 5 Richmond police notified the Albany station that they had located a 1982 Mazda which had been stolen from the 500 block of Pierce Street on Dec. 1. The car was partially stripped and no one was in custody.

Unknown thieves stole a gray 1985 Cadillac Sedan from a resident on the 500 block of Pierce Street on the morning of Dec. 5. There were no witnesses.

Sometime during the daylight hours of Dec. 6 unknown thieves kicked open the rear door to enter a residence on the 400 block of Kains Street, then kicked open the locked bedroom door and prowled the bedrooms and living room. They stole items of value and departed undetected.

A Richmond man was contacted in his parked car near the pier at Golden Gate Fields on the morning of Dec. 7 and was found to have an outstanding warrant from Alameda in the amount of \$300 and one from UCPD in the amount of \$421. He was arrested and his vehicle impounded.

During dark hours of the morn-

ing of Dec. 7 a thief broke the window of a car parked on the 1200 block of Brighton Avenue and stole a mountain bike from inside. There were no witnesses.

During the early morning hours of Dec. 8 unknown thieves removed the rear window from a vehicle on the 700 block of Curtis Street and stole the in-dash stereo then replaced the window, minus the weather stripping. There were no witnesses.

Unknown thieves used bolt cutters to remove two padlocks locking a tool box secured to the bed of a pickup on the afternoon of Dec. 8. Once open, the thieves stole numerous tools from the box and departed unseen.

On the afternoon of Dec. 8 Oakland police notified Albany that they had found a 1985 Cadillac Seville which had been reported stolen. There was minor damage and no one was in custody.

On the night of Dec. 8 unknown thieves entered a residence on the 1000 block of Ventura Avenue through the front door and stole various items and departed unseen.

A Berkeley man reported that he was approached by two men who demanded money on the evening of Dec. 9. When the thieves demanded more money the man ran and they pursued him. When the victim started to fight he reported they fled in a truck being driven by a white woman. He described the first attacker as a black male adult, at least 25-years-old, six feet tall, weighing 180 pounds with black hair. The second suspect was described as a black male adult, 170 pounds with black hair and brown eyes. Police are investigating.

On the morning Dec. 10 unknown thieves pried open the front passenger door of a 1989 Volkswagen Jetta, stole the in-dash stereo and departed unseen.

While on regular patrol, Albany officers overheard Berkeley police on the scanner searching for a vehicle which had just been stolen. The Albany officers observed the car traveling east bound on Gilman Street and stopped the vehicle. Two suspects were arrested and the stolen vehicle, along with other stolen property, was recovered.

During the week of Dec. 4 Albany officers fingerprinted nine people at their request, towed one car, responded to 11 false alarms, attended to one deceased animal and assisted seven people who were locked out of their house or car.

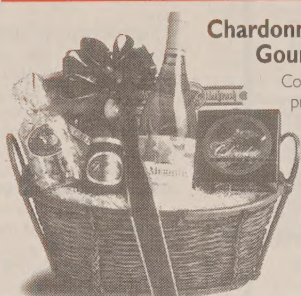
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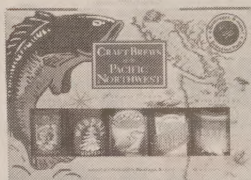
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# Whipsnake impacts fire plan

Dawn Frasier

EL CERRITO — The Alameda whipsnake is a small creature that's made a big impact on several Bay Area projects. The California threatened species must always be considered when local construction projects may damage its natural habitat.

Now the snake is the center of discussion as plans for fire hazard reduction in the Hillside Natural Area are being undertaken. A negative declaration of environmental impact has been approved by the city council and filed with the county. The state Department of Fish and Game may not be satisfied, however, with mitigations planned to protect the snake.

It was the job of a hired consulting firm, Environmental Science Associates, to look at the proposals for fire hazard reduction from an environmental standpoint.

Representative Nona Dennis told council members at the Nov. 21 city council meeting that three particular biological issues were targeted for more than a general study of the area. Rare plants, the Monarch butterfly and the Alameda whipsnake were all identified as living possible habitats in the area.

The environmental study of the proposed fire hazard reduction plan began in 1993. It took all of that year and some of 1994 to complete because of these biological issues, Dennis said. Certain surveys must be done seasonally. Those surveys indicated that there were in fact no rare plants in the area and no Monarchs.

The company decided, however, to assume the presence of the snake since the habitat is there and prepared an appropriate mitigation plan, Dennis said. A consulting wildlife biologist suggested measures which have been incorporated into the plan; they include building

rock piles for shelter, for example.

According to Dennis, Environmental Science Associates sent two letters to the Department of Fish and Game; the agency was "singularly unresponsive," she said.

It was eight days after the close of the public comment period on the negative declaration that the agency finally sent a letter, agreeing with the firm on its butterfly and botanical survey but recommending a trapping survey to look for the Alameda whipsnake.

Environmental Science Associates had decided a year ago not to proceed with a trapping survey and thus save the city of El Cerrito \$8,000, Dennis said.

"It seemed an unnecessary step when we were assuming the presence of the snake and were planning to that end," she said.

Fish and Game is also recommending 100 foot buffers instead of the 50 feet recommended in the mitigation plan. Dennis believes that does not take into account the irregular configuration of the natural area and the difficulty 100-foot buffers would give the fire department in dealing with certain vegetation complexes.

She also believes that "it may have been a junior person who sent the letter, (one who) has never been on the site and did not have a senior (supervisor) authorize the letter."

Whether the Department of Fish and Game will now require a permit for the plan in compliance with the Endangered Species Act remains the only unresolved issue in the fire hazard reduction plan for the Hillside Natural Area, Dennis said.

One King Drive resident shared her concern for the wild birds in the area and expressed her belief that any snakes in the area "have probably been eaten by the hawks."

She said that her first response in hearing the land might be cleared

was enthusiastic in welcoming a restored view. She came to the conclusion, however, that "preserved habitat is more important" and is now concerned that the owls and red-tailed hawks frequenting the area might lose their.

Fire Chief Steve Cutright did not speak directly to that concern at the council meeting. Earlier this week, however, he said the consulting firm did not target the birds for special study because no changes in the canopy of trees is anticipated. "We are looking at surface fuel, which is why the Monarch butterfly (was considered)," he said. "The butterflies roost in the surface litter."

According to Cutright, only sick or severely frost-damaged trees are targeted for removal from the Hillside Natural Area under the fire hazard reduction plan — with one qualifier. "Only very small trees that might work as ladder fuel will be removed," he said. Such trees might allow surface fuels to transfer to the higher canopy.

## Toys for tots



Aaron Green, 12, and paramedic John Weitzel show off Christmas toys contributed to the Albany Fire Department's Toys for Tots Christmas drive. The collection is a cooperative effort with the United States Marine Corps Reserve. Toys may be left off at the Albany Fire Station until Christmas Eve.

## Kensington student wins UNICEF award

Nicole Anziani, age 11, a resident of Richmond and student at Kensington Elementary School is a national grand prize winner in the third annual UNICEF "Kids Help Kids" greeting card contest.

Nicole interpreted this year's contest theme, "Children's Dreams of Peace," by showing children from diverse backgrounds playing together in an outdoor winter scene. Included in her design are children playing around a Christmas tree, and lighting Kwanzaa and Hanukkah candles.

"The card shows kids celebrating their holidays together. All cultures are equal, and equality means peace. I entered the contest because I knew it would help other kids and

be fun, too. I found out about the contest from my grandmother, who read about it in Better Homes & Gardens Magazine, and hoped we could visit her in New York City," Anziani said.

The proceeds from card sales benefit UNICEF programs. This year's winning cards will be on sale next year at Pier 1 Imports stores. A UNICEF greeting card catalog can be obtained by calling 1-800-367-5437.

The contest has been sponsored for the last three years by Pier 1 Imports and Better Homes & Gardens Magazine to benefit UNICEF.

The winners and Dr. Gwendolyn Baker, president of the United States UNICEF Committee, were inter-

viewed on America's Talking "Have a Heart" cable television program. Nicole has been interviewed on Seattle and Minneapolis radio stations, as well as on a Bloomberg Radio Network piece aired last week.

Anziani was honored at a United Nations reception held in New York.

Nicole's award was presented by Dr. Baker, Ms. Jean Lem-Mon, editor of Better Homes & Gardens Magazine, and Mr. Marvin Girard, president of Pier 1 Imports.

## Obituary

### Charles Friend

Charles Arthur Friend, familiar to all as Tod, died Dec. 4 at age 66 from cancer.

Born April 1, 1928, in Pittsburgh, to Charles A. Friend and Nora Mahoney Friend, Tod spent all but his earliest years in California, residing in the Bay Area since 1959.

Tod is survived by his children, Connie Zazueta, Elizabeth Ammanda Friend, Charles A. Friend; by his stepmother, Nanna Friend; and by Louise Rosenbaum, together with many who respected and loved him.

A poet and engineer, Tod established himself at Bechtel before joining with Wayne Schneider to found QCON as representatives of manufacturers in the engineering instruments and control systems industry.

During most of two decades Tod grew fine wine grapes on his ranch in the Alexander Valley region of Sonoma County.

Tod published one collection of poems in 1988 entitled Paper Birds.

He was buried Dec. 9 at Sunset View Cemetery, 101 Colusa Ave., El Cerrito.

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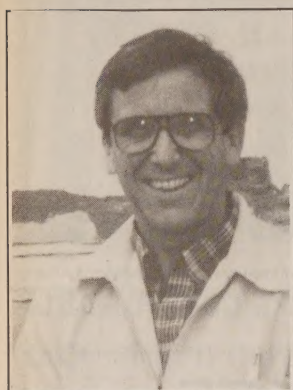
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Dr. Foor is a lifelong Bay Area resident, raised in Berkeley, and a graduate of U.C. Berkeley & U.C. Davis.

"Part of my experience was working with the humane society. I have seen many nice animals be adopted from public agencies. I often suggest that at least one look in those animal shelters if one is considering a new pet.

As a suggestion, if one is considering adopting an animal, Dr. Foor says, "Take your time to choose one, try not to get attached too quickly. Adoption agencies should have a return policy and there can never be guarantees insofar as health status. I recommend an initial health check whenever a new pet is adopted. My policy is an initial complimentary health exam."

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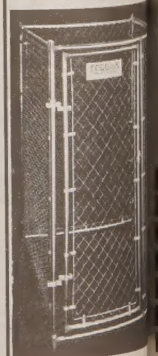
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Pet of the  
Month:  
**"Blitzer"**

Blitzer who is a  
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royal Austrian descent, and who often appears as a dog model in Town & Country magazine, has been nominated for Hills Newspapers Pet of the Month.

Blitzer's pedigree is quite impressive. His great-great grandmother made Hollywood gossip columns in the 60's when she bit Julie Andrews during filming of "The Sound of Music". His father made national headlines in 1986 when he saved Zsa Zsa Gabor's beloved Maltese from the deadly grip of a disturbed Doberman.

Blitzer, who prefers staying out of the limelight, enjoys life in Montclair, sleeping in any available closet & playing with Fliege, a female Giant Schnauzer from Dallas (who has quite a background too).

Candace Carson and Scott Harris, owners of A Separate Arrangement in Emeryville, claim that their lives have been fun-filled since these two celebrities came to live with them.

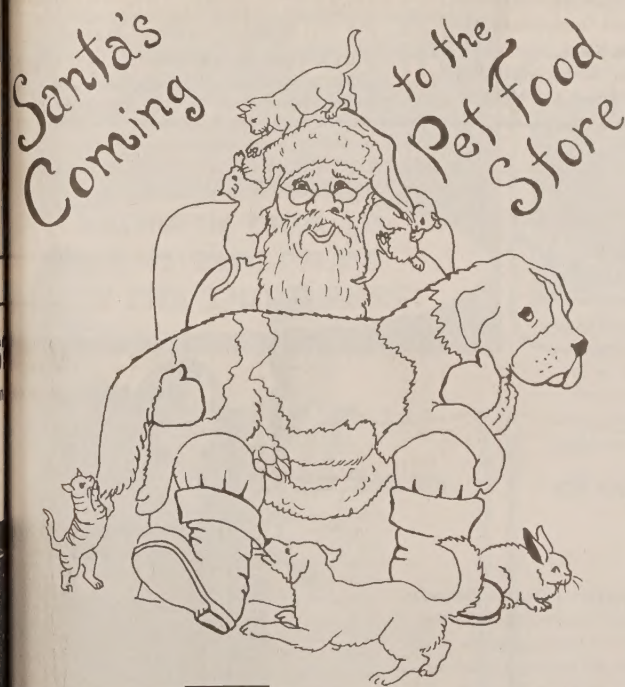
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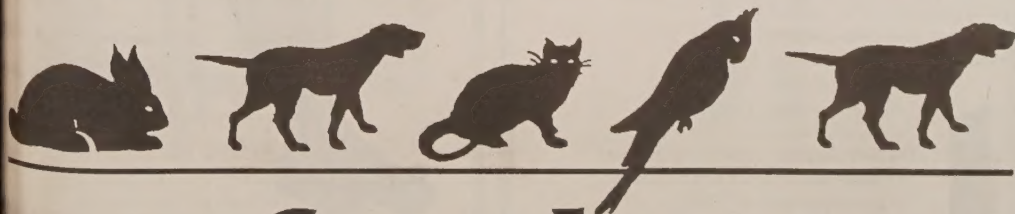
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The pitter-patter of beans falling from a small girl's hands echo in the almost quiet classroom.

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Children sit close together whispering to one another and pencils scribble on the desk

tops.

Rose petals rustle a love song in my ear serenading summertime and youth eternal.

The ocean is captured in a pearly milk-colored shell. When I close my eyes it almost takes me home to the waterfront.

A scarlet red ribbon screams happiness from the neck of a snow white teddy bear and tiny footfalls prance back and forth across the room.

So this is how it is to be young. The sounds of youth remind me not to grow up.

—Heather Brunelle  
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—Casey, Herbert, Lauren, Reuben, Stephanie, Will  
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# Hilltop mall adopts art center

Hilltop Shopping Center has volunteered to become the current sponsor of the Richmond Art Center's Adopt-A-Month Program. Adopt-A-Month sponsors provide partial support for a month of RAC's operating costs.

Hilltop Shopping Center has generously contributed \$3,000 to RAC for the month of December.

Hilltop Shopping Center is now in its second year as an Art Center Adopt-A-Month sponsor.

Hilltop and RAC have formed a strong working relationship, evidenced by last year's "Image Me" project in which youth worked with local artists to create a mural which is currently on display at the mall.

Previous Adopt-A-Month sponsors include: Berlex Biosciences, Chevron USA, Contra Costa Electric, Jacobs Engineering Group, J.T. Thorpe, Mechanics Bank, Overaa Construction Company, and Richmond Blueprint and Litho. Co.

The Richmond Art Center has served West Contra Costa County for over 50 years in its well-equipped facilities in the Richmond

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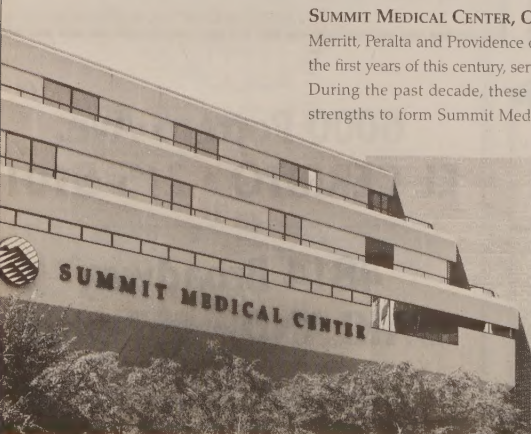
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## New traffic controls approved in El Cerrito

By Dawn Frasleur

EL CERRITO — New traffic control devices will be installed in the city at the request of residents and business owners. It's only two or three times each year that such changes are made, said community development director Pat O'Keeffe.

The process usually begins with a request from someone who feels they have a problem of some kind — a resident who wants to be able to park more easily, a business person who wants more space available for customers.

In response to the request city staff will visit the area to see if there are any issues or problems related to the change that need to be worked through. Maintenance and Engineering Services manager Mori Struve currently holds that responsibility.

"If it's routine and there are no problems, we just do it, and the city pays for installing the appropriate signage or curb striping," O'Keeffe said, noting that the work, once done by city public works crews, is now contracted out.

Occasionally, conflicts arise as people share different desires for parking solutions. That happened at Del Norte Place recently, O'Keeffe said, when business owners wanted more patron parking (and thus more turnover

of space), while residents wanted spaces for guests to park for a longer period of time.

"Mori had to sit down with representatives of both sides and negotiate a solution," he said. "We had to balance the needs of the businesses on the ground floor with the needs of the residents."

In this case, a decision was made to increase unrestricted parking on one side of Wall Street, eliminating a 40-foot green zone that now exists, and to restrict parking on the other with a 40-foot yellow loading zone.

In another change, the green zone in front of 10749 San Pablo Avenue (between Tehama and Burlingame) will be increased 40 feet. Business owners, who actually live in Richmond, requested more patron parking space from El Cerrito, which governs the easement.

A long handicapped space will be shortened at Harding School on Ashbury Avenue at the request of principal Steve Collins. One handicapped space will remain; the resulting space will be unrestricted and likely used for dropoff and pickup of students.

The installations will be funded from the regular operating budget of the maintenance and engineering department.

## Mayor's year in review

When I began my term as Mayor a year ago, there were some specific goals that I wished to accomplish. I went back and looked at them, and I am pleased that most of them were attained.

Communication was, and still is important to me. To this end, I gave a number of speeches, and attended 58 meetings of different community groups.

To meet some of the other communication goals of the city, The Journal allowed me to begin this biweekly article entitled "From the Mayor's Desk." The *West County Times* also allowed me to address the citizens of El Cerrito with an Editorial Commentary in October.

I found that these articles were very effective, both from the positive feedback I received, and from the negative feedback I received. It really is true that not everyone always agrees with you all of the time.

Youth has always been a top priority of mine. I am presently and have been a teacher for 28 years, and I am very aware of the pressures upon our youth. The violence of society today is a constant problem for our young people. They see it in their everyday life, where many have either been directly affected by violence in their family structure or where they have had direct contact with victims.

This is the reason that I have been working with the other cities of West County: Hercules, Pinole, San Pablo, and Richmond, along with the county, college district, and school districts to provide both employment opportunities for young people, and recreational programs for their participation after school, in evenings, and on weekends.

Fire issues are a prime concern. One of our two fire stations is falling down around us. A bond measure to ensure funds for rebuilding Arlington station received a majority vote in 1993, but not the two-thirds needed to pass it, so we have had to find a creative solution for the reconstruction of that fire station.

Fortunately, Chief Cutright was able to apply for and receive a grant that will allow the city to

have architectural plans drawn for a new station at the present site. By using some one-time monies and the profit from the sales of surplus city-owned properties, we are hopeful of having the necessary funds to complete a new building.

But that is only one of the fire issues we face. We are continuing talks with Kensington Fire Department, and it appears that we may have a combined fire department in the early months of the new year.

Another fire issue is the fire prevention program throughout the city. For the third year, we have had a successful fire hazard abatement program for empty lots, and we have begun adding improved lots that also need abatement to the program.

The El Cerrito City Council recently adopted a plan for the Hillside Natural Area that will reduce some of the fuel loads in the park. We will use the remaining funds of the \$80,000 in donations raised by the volunteer Citizens for El Cerrito 2000. As more monies become available in the future, we will be able, with the plan in place, to improve the fire roads and water hydrants inside the park.

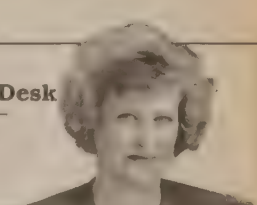
The City Council began last week to re-evaluate some of the commissions and committees that serve the city. As the make-up and staffing within the city has changed, so also have the needs for some of the bodies that serve to advise the Council. The Council is committed to looking at each panel to see if there is anything we can do to improve their product.

An environmentally healthy city is also a green city! With the grant to plant trees that was received at the end of last year, we have added an additional grant to extend the planting of trees onto some of the large blacktopped school grounds around the city. Citizen volunteers have come forward to help plan, to plant, and to maintain the planted trees.

Many neighborhoods have also "adopted the park" in their area, and are helping with the upkeep and maintenance of the

## From the Mayor's Desk

By Jane Bartke  
El Cerrito



### "neighborhood parks."

Three years ago, the Citizens Advisory Task Force on Finance told us that we needed to immediately change the way we were doing business. We made some major changes in the structure of city departments, rethought the staffing needs of the city, and we imposed a salary freeze and a hiring freeze.

We now have the budget in order and have built our reserve fund up from \$5,000 to over \$300,000. We were even able this year to offer a small salary increase to the faithful employees, who had received no raise, but had an increased work load to cover for the employees who had not been replaced when they retired or moved to other jobs.

The decision was also made to set aside all "one-time monies" for "one-time expenses," so that the City Council now has a policy that those funds will be used for equipment replacement and building upgrades.

To add to this "pot" of one-time money, the city is selling the surplus properties that it owns and will no longer be needing. This will generate revenue for the city, it will remove the maintenance costs to the city, and it will restore the designated properties back onto the property tax rolls.

There is a new spirit of cooperation between the Chamber of Commerce and the city. Many joint meetings have resulted in a positive dialogue that has helped us work together. When the city was working to change the zoning codes for Residential Architectural Design guidelines, the subcommittee of the chamber was most helpful to city.

We were able to develop regulations that both entities could work within. The adoption of the RAD guidelines this past October will provide protections for both the builder, remodeler, and the neighbors.

During this past year, the Redevelopment Task Force looked at all aspects of our

program. Their charge was to assess the need for City Council.

After much study and discussion, I attended the meeting in which the committee went around and polled each member. It was unanimous from each and every member in attendance that the city should (1) keep Redevelopment, (2) extend the life of the agency, and (3) raise the amount of bond indebtedness the agency could incur, with one-fourth of that amount set aside to help the revitalization of the El Cerrito Plaza.

The Task Force recommended that we place the measure on the ballot, which we did for Nov. 8. We have become the first city in the state of California to approve an Amended Redevelopment Plan at the ballot box. We now have a powerful tool to continue active development. One of the first steps will be to finish the development at the Foods Co. site. There are commitments from retail stores ready to build.

As the incoming chair of the agency, I will assure that we move cautiously, but that we do begin to explore how we can work to help the three owners of the El Cerrito Plaza. For the first time in history, they have all three committed to work together to enhance the Plaza. We will also be studying how we, as an agency, can continue to attract new retail businesses to San Pablo Avenue and help the businesses already there to thrive.

I would like to end by saying that being Mayor is the greatest honor I've had in my life. In addition to being a lot of work, it has been a great learning experience.

And, it has been fun! I have enjoyed sharing happenings within the city with all of you by writing this column. I am particularly pleased that Mayor Norman LaForce is going to continue the tradition.

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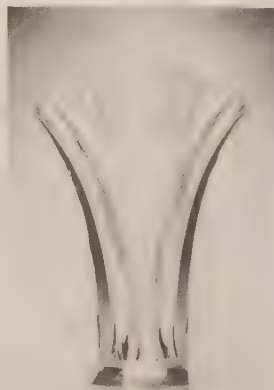
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Media Notes

BILL MANN

Around The Media Beat:

Do you think KFRC (or K-Farsi, the Iranian station) crassly milked J. Paul Emerson's firing enough last week? Forget JPE's crackpot political views, or even his allegedly racist statements; the real point is that this obnoxious, bilious buffoon shouldn't have been hired in the first place. And NOT because of the "newsman's" politics. The only reason this bullying blowhard was brought on board was to create controversy and ratings — he did that — by dispensing his half-baked, third-rate observations. That's the issue hand-wringing KFRC G.M. Will Schutte or J. Paul's irate fans should have addressed last week, but didn't.

I'm no big fan of the politically correct crowd, and I thought the "Frasier" throw-away line that upset some Filipino groups was funny because it poked fun AT bigotry, perhaps, too subtly for its own good (at least in the Bay Area). Herb Caen was right on the dismal KFRC affair — "dragging the mud" for the talent-impaired likes of Emerson is exactly what radio execs are doing more and more here. More heat than light is the norm in this dismal ratings game.

Late last week, Emerson was on Shann Nix's KSFO show doing the same tired act — berating callers, interrupting them in mid-sentence. It's the same pathetic routine we see nightly on the other political extreme from KGO's Bernie Ward, aka The Human Emetic.

Now maybe the restive politically correct crowd will turn its attention from the dimbulb Emerson to smarmy KSFO morning "personality" Jeff Blazy, who has all the makings of another Emerson. This is a guy who hangs around with halfwits — so he'll have someone to look up to ... This is all going on at the same time that one of the few remaining class acts of the business, KCBS' Art Finley, is retiring after 50 years in radio. More on Finley here Friday...

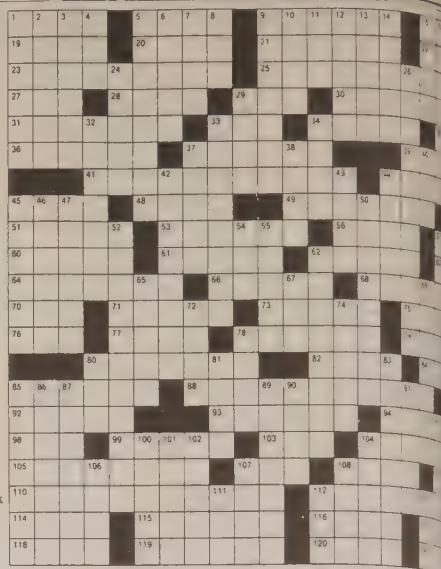
Good news from another class act — a fast-disappearing breed in morning radio: Long-time KABL morning man Bill Moen is semi-retired, living up in Kelseyville and doing a morning show on low-power local station KXBX. Moen's just doubled — to two hours — the length of his pleasant morning show, thanks to the persistence of station owner Bill Groody, a former NBC radio exec ... KRON movie reviewer Jan Wahl vowed to me a few weeks ago when KBNR dumped her Sunday-night show that she'd soon land at another radio station. And that she did: Wahl's reviews will be heard on estimable KCBS Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays in morning drive (repeated in afternoon drive) starting next Monday. And if you find Jan a bit over the top at times, KCBS management says Wahl's act will be toned down a bit for KCBS' air.

Seasonal pastimes: KTVU general manager Kevin O'Brien's annual holiday bash was held last weekend at the Fairmont Penthouse Suite. I'm a monogamous type, married 26 years, but I had to marvel at some of the beautiful, elegantly dressed women who turned out. Also spotted at the toney affair were KTVU's classy Ross McGowan; tuxedo-wearing Channel 2 consumer reporter Tom Vacar, one of the more

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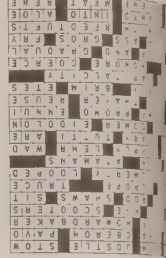


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pleasant and hardest-working people in local TV; "Mornings on 2" producer, the just-as-elegantly dressed Rose Schwartz, as well as her morning weatherman/KGO weekend talk host Brian Copeland and Brian's wife Mary, who's expecting the couple's third child, a boy, in February ... Internet Humor: "How many more Internet jokes are there going to be about the

Pentium chip?" asked one on-line questioner. "We can only count so many," came the quick reply in one newsgroup ... By the way, the aforementioned Copeland — a big Internet fan who swears he answers about 200 e-mail messages each week — discussed Surgeon General Joycelyn Elders' firing on his weekend show Saturday. Copeland asked listeners on the station's phone-in poll line to

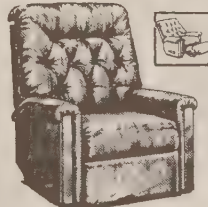
come clean and punch in whether they'd ever engaged in what used to be called "The Sin of Onan" themselves. And when one caller punched in "U" for Undecided, a baffled Copeland chuckled, "one person didn't know if he or she had ever masturbated?" Questions or Comments? Write Bill Mann c/o Hills Newspapers, 5707 Redwood Rd., Oakland, 94619.



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# A place in time

## Yosemite firefall: Three minutes in a meadow

Barbara Campbell

Yosemite became a new and more exciting place when I saw it through Ed's eyes. It was April, 1954 and the first time we were both able to get away from work since we had been married the previous December. I had visited Yosemite Valley and was determined to share this marvelous place with my new husband. Ed was in Washington D.C., and he had never been in California before. I had grown up in the Sierras and had visited the park often so I

knew Yosemite very well.

It's a long drive from Crane Flat down into the valley. The road winds through tall sugar pines, flowering white dogwood and jagged granite boulders. It had always pleased me. When I had driven there before, though, the object was to get down the road and into the valley as fast as possible. This didn't happen with Ed. We stopped at every turn off and got out of the car to look over every cliff.

We had a new 35 mm camera,

so a picture was taken at every stop. Ed was like a little child. He was so excited as he first viewed Merced River running out of the valley, the road on the opposite side of the gorge leading to Glacier Point, and the first view of Half Dome. His excitement was contagious and it reopened my eyes to sights and sounds that I had become accustomed to.

We spent the day visiting Mirror Lake, Yosemite Falls, Happy Isles, Bridal Veil Falls, and ended up in the meadow near Camp

Curry to see the famous firefall. We spread our blanket on the tall grasses and I readied the camera as I wanted to take a picture of this wondrous event. The firefall usually took about three minutes to complete its descent. We lay in the meadow waiting. It was a very dark night, with just a pale moon and twinkling stars giving light.

The fire is ready! we heard the man on top of Glacier Point call out.

I felt this surge of excitement as the answer from the man at Camp Curry rang out: "Let the fire fall!"

I clicked the camera on and we

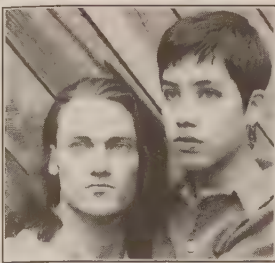
lay perfectly still for the three minutes it took the fire to fall. Thousands of tiny, glowing embers created a small red stream that widened to about four feet across as it cascaded down the mountain and crashed on the ledge above Camp Curry.

Our pictures turned out wonderful. The slides of Yosemite Falls and Bridal Veil falls were spectacular. The picture of the firefall really looked fantastic. I couldn't believe that I had held the camera so still for three minutes, but here was proof.

We were eager to show our pictures, so at the slightest men-

tion of our trip, we pulled out the slide projector. As we showed the picture of the firefall, I described lying in the meadow to take the picture. I soon stopped using this opportunity to tell my friends I was expecting, when for the third time, I announced proudly that I was three 'minutes' pregnant, instead of 3 months.

Barbara Campbell grew up in the Sierra foothills. She raised her five children in Livermore and moved to El Cerrito in 1980. She is an active member of the Poison Oaks, the Tuolumne County Historical Society.

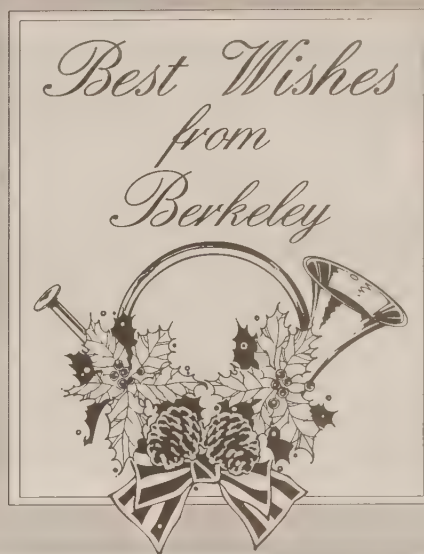


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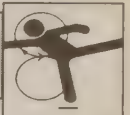
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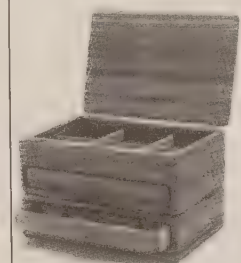
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Church notes

# Christmas services abound at local churches

By Dawn Frasier

A Family Christmas Program is scheduled for this Sunday, Dec. 18, at **Christ Lutheran Church** in El Cerrito. All are invited; everyone will participate in the "festive gathering of carols, stories, fun, fellowship, and great good cheer." The program begins in the parish hall at 5 p.m.

Community worship continues at 5:30 p.m. each Saturday. Come as you are, and join in the fellowship.

The informal service includes contemporary music, hearing God's Word, and sharing in the Lord's Supper.

Sunday services at the church begin at 10 a.m. with a Communion service. Sunday School classes are offered at 9 a.m. The

church is located at 780 Ashbury Ave.

• The congregation of the **Arlington Community Church**, 52 Arlington Ave., Kensington, will meet Sunday at 7 p.m. to go carolling to shut-ins. The sermon topic that morning is "Waiting for a Miracle;" the Rev. Carol Barringer will preach. The service begins at 10 a.m.

The church has adopted 25 families and five seniors for Christmas — providing both gifts and Christmas dinners for them.

• A Christmas potluck lunch is scheduled for 11:15 a.m. this Sunday at the **Albany United Methodist Church**, 980

Stannage Ave. Help decorate the Christmas tree and enjoy "food, fun, fellowship, music and joy." The worship service begins at 10 a.m.

• The Rev. Carol Wickersham will preach on "Home for Christmas" this Sunday at **Northminster Presbyterian Church**, 545 Ashbury Ave., El Cerrito.

Her sermon will be based on passages from Zephaniah and the gospel of Luke; music will be provided by the Recorder Consort.

Sunday worship begins at 11 a.m. at Northminster; Christian education classes begin at 10 a.m.

• A joint Christmas service of

the **Evangelical Free Church** and the **Chinese Christian Church** will be held at the **Evangelical Free Church**, 7200 Schmidt Lane, El Cerrito, this Sunday at 10 a.m.

The church recently packaged and donated 1100 bags of candy for the Richmond Rescue Mission Christmas Party.

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a.m. A fellowship hour follows the second service. The church is located at 1501 Washington Ave., Albany.

• "Dancing Christmas Carols," with Dr. Richard Boeke, Betty Tharpe, the children's choir, and dances by Roger Dillahunty and Gail Frizzell, is scheduled for 10:45 a.m. at the **First Unitarian Church**, One Lawson Road, Kensington.

The annual Boar's Head Feast, scheduled for 12:30 a.m. Sunday requires reservations. Call 528-3417. The cost is \$15 for adults, \$4 for adult-accompanied children under 12.

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And now Anne Dorst has taken her keen interest in the game further, and become a teacher at the El Cerrito Senior Center (Open House). Well, not just now; she has been teaching the game there for about five years.

"After I retired, I looked for something to do—something structural. Then it occurred to me that something I am very interested in would be a good thing to teach." She didn't want to do it formally, for money, but as a volunteer. When she offered her services to the senior center, she was happily received.

Dorst has written a series of about 40 lessons. In the class she goes over a lesson for about half an hour, and then her students play.

"It is enormously satisfying," she says, and adds that the people in her classes are very appreciative, and very friendly.

She teaches standard bidding and standard playing, but notes that although the playing remains much the same, in bidding is where new things, even "bad" things, crop up. Her lessons are always in writing so that she can pass out copies to her students.

But Anne Dorst is more than a bridge player. Our conversation was most interesting. She spoke of her other great interest, which was the Berkeley Co-op. "It broke my heart to see the El Cerrito Co-op close," she says, echoing my feeling exactly. "It was so sad to see that beautiful building come down."

Anne was deeply involved in the Co-op. She was executive secretary, administrative assistant, and other job titles to the general manager. Her parents were charter members of the co-op, and she joined in the '50s.

Born in Berkeley, Anne reminisced about her high school. "It was the thing to do, to send your children to University High School," so that's where I went." University High was a 'lab' for the school of education at Cal. Later her father was agast to learn that she had never been taught American history. The school has been closed and boarded up for many years.

Anne graduated from UC-Berkeley, was married twice, and has lived in El Cerrito for about 25 years.

She speaks of her love of travel, of her favorite places, such as Kenya, which she has visited three times, and Mexico, particularly San Miguel de Allende, which, she says, is a 'very special' place. She also takes tours and trips for bridge players,

melding her two great interests, bridge and travel.

She speaks fondly of her family. Her father was a newspaper man who worked for the Hearst papers. Her mother, she says, was a strong woman, but very shy. In fact, she comes from a long line of strong women.

Her great-grandmother, married to a minister in Maine, and the mother of five children, left her husband, and with two of her children came across the country to California, settling in Santa Clara, where she opened a boarding house.

Her grandmother was one of the first women in that area to own her own business. She had a florist shop, where she sold flowers that she grew in her own yard. And her mother went to Stanford, taking the train to that university every day. She had only two dresses, and very little money. She did graduate work at Cal, which is where she met Anne's father.

Anne says her maiden name was Maslin, and she thinks all the Maslins in this country must be related.

Anne Dorst wondered if she was interesting enough to write about. I thought she was. I like her interest and enthusiasm for the things she does, and I love the little snippets of life story she revealed.

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Community Folk

By Clara-Rae Genser

I wrote some time ago about the "I'll Be Home Soon, Honey Band." Recently I had an opportunity to see them in action, and it was great fun. They were playing at the Freight and Salvage in Berkeley and, as my friend said, they were having such a good time themselves, that you couldn't help joining in.

They write a great deal of their music themselves, usually about the world around them. I loved it when they said they could no longer write young love songs, since they were entering middle age themselves. Their songs are good music with clever, amusing lyrics. No serious, world-shaking messages. Just a fun evening of music and humor.

Thank you, Eadie Scholar, for suggesting Anne Dorst to me. I did enjoy meeting and chatting with her. And I invite all of you to give me your input: interesting people, activities, events, organizations, etc. Please write to me at 555 Pierce St., #443, Albany 94706, or call 525-4585.

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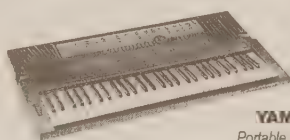
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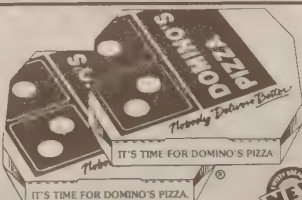
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Michael Brodsky, The Monthly, July 1994, p. 30.  
Well, we bailed, all right. My question stands.

Robert R. Outis

## Chief belief

Editor:

At a recent Albany City Council meeting, a resident asserted the city should consider a different method to select a police chief since the current procedure has not produced any good results.

The person stating this opinion did not provide any objective data to support his assertion, merely his perceptions. I would like both he and the community to consider the following, validated data that quite clearly supports a much different conclusion.

1) Albany has the second-lowest crime rate per capita in Alameda County. Only Piedmont, not on the San Pablo corridor, has a lower crime rate;

2) Our claim loss from actions or omissions stemming from a police action have visibly subsided since I became police chief in 1986 (source: Mr. Ron Bishop - George Hills Company / claims administrator for City of Albany);

3) The youth DARE (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) program is being instituted to assist our teenagers beginning in January of 1995;

4) Patrol response time to an emergency call for service is three minutes or less;

5) A personal written letter of commendation for creativity to the Albany Police Department from the President of the United States (1993);

6) The award of Most Inspirational teen program in the country by the United States Conference of Mayors (1993);

7) The award of Best Crime Prevention program in California by the state Attorney General (1993);

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9) The award of most creative traffic safety program in the world by the International Association of Chiefs of Police (1992);

10) The award of best traffic safety program in America by the American Coalition of Traffic Safety (1993);

11) The award for Innovative Community program from the California Public Safety Center (1993);

12) Dozens of letters of support and commendations from Senators, members of Congress, law enforcement and media are on file and available for review.

I stand upon these objective indicators of success to support my assertions that the Albany Police Department is the best. I challenge those vociferous detractors to display their objective data, not their perceptions or hearsay, to support their contention.

Larry Murdo  
Chief of Police  
Albany

## License matters

The Journal received a copy of the following letter to Albany City Councilmembers:

This letter expresses my concerns regarding the proposed reorganization presented by Daren Fields. Most of the recommendations are sound and needed.

However, in the area of the change from a Director of Public Works, which requires a licensed Civil Engineer, to an unlicensed position performing professional engineering work without the requisite license, I believe Mr. Fields has made a terrible and dangerous recommendation.

The job description clearly identifies job

responsibilities requiring registration under the California Professional Engineers Act. The point, however, is not that the person with a license can stamp documents. That represents a small part of any engineer's professional duties. It would be analogous to saying we really don't need a City Attorney that is a member of the State Bar because we can have a paralegal perform the same function.

What the license means is that the individual has undergone a rigorous program of education and practical experience which prepares the person to understand and be able to properly manage the design, operation, maintenance and rehabilitation of critical public facilities such as 30 miles of streets, 30 miles of sanitary sewers, storm drainage facilities, as well as managing the city's building approval process.

A second important consideration is that this is the individual responsible for managing the city's public works facilities in the event of a severe hazard. Geologists tell us that there is a 28 percent chance of having a Hayward magnitude 7 earthquake by the year 2020. It is not a question of if, it's a question of when.

The Engineering Manager will probably be without support for 72 hours to a week following such an event. Do you want to trust the city's well-being to a consultant that will probably be chasing his firm's economic interests after the earthquake rather than serving the city?

Responsibility and accountability are also important. One only has to remember back a short time to the expensive mistakes made by a consultant employed by the city while inspecting the BART pathway project. This occurred during a period when Albany's Public Works Director was suffering from a severe back problem. Had he been able to oversee the project, it would probably have been averted.

Hiring the City Engineer function is usually more

expensive than having one in-house because consultant hired is usually transient and in the viability of the city. His inattention can get very expensive.

The proposed engineering manager is to advise the council on code interpretation. I really want an unqualified individual that is trained in engineering to advise you on the regulation of structures that protect citizens. I hope not!

I would particularly remind Councilmember Rubin of the many times she has managed ways the former public works director. He saved the city many thousands of dollars in protecting the health and well-being of Albany residents. Do you really want to sacrifice the sake of "reorganization?" I hope not.

## Two Plus One is Not Less Than One

Mr. Fields represents that the proposed reorganization reduces management. In fact, Director and two managers proposed (total positions) total one more than currently current structure has a Public Works Director, Planning Director (total of two positions) additional management may be appropriate as the managers are working managers. I call things what they are. Two plus one is not one plus one.

## Recommendation

I would recommend that you establish reorganization proposed with the following exception. Direct Mr. Fields to return a description that includes a requirement for engineering training and experience as a state Civil Engineering license.

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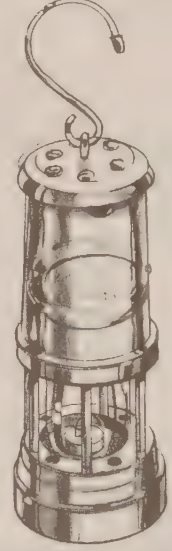
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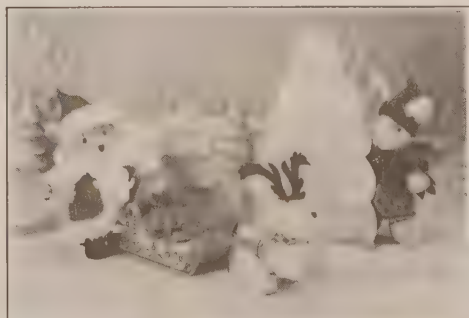
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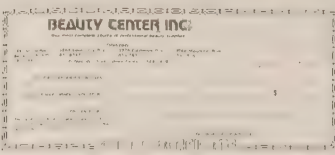
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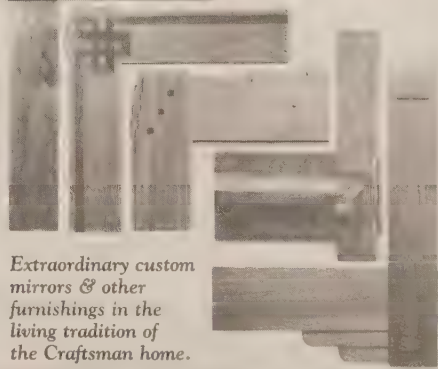
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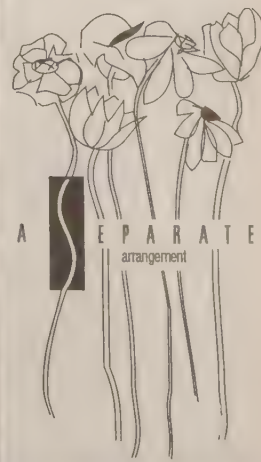
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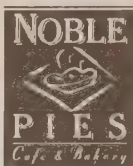
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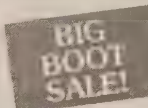


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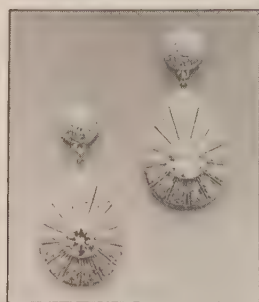


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# Albany Chamber of Commerce

By Fern Luoma

## Safety Works taps into personal experience for protection

Having had personal experiences with crime, being the receiving end, Phyllis Benowitz opened her Safety Works store at 1589 Solano Ave., instructing people how to use her non-lethal products sold at her store. "The store is for products and training for personal protection for all ages, from four to 100 years of age," she stated.

"There is no mystery about personal safety. Everyone can defend themselves; it is just a matter of learning how," she continued. Benowitz said it is known that less than 5 percent of random victims, while the overwhelming majority have been targeted by assailants who attack and watch for an easy target. One can be targeted for as little as two seconds on the street or for two months.

The purpose of the store is to teach how to avoid becoming a target. By formulating a plan of action, one will be able to defend oneself should one become a target. Benowitz said more than 75 percent of attacks on women are committed by armed assailants, and most of these are by someone you know. Therefore, the non-lethal protection devices are very effective.

Her store presents the most effective devices and training available in today's market. When one is seeking a self-

defense aid, Benowitz will match the person with what they feel most comfortable with.

Some of the products include mace, pepper spray, personal alarms, stun-guns, defense sticks, child alarms and locating devices.

She is donating as a prize, for Albany Day at the Races, a Child-Guardian multi-function child alarm, security monitor and locating system. This is a battery-operated alarm system used by both child and parent at the same time.

Should a child and parent get separated in public or if the child feels endangered, frightened or hurt, he triggers the alarm, alerting the parent. Or the parent may do the same to locate the child. As an added bonus, the parent may wear the device for protection while jogging, walking, or in all potentially dangerous, threatening or isolated situations.

Another popular item is Dyewitness, a color spray that is difficult in removing. She has books on self-protection, such as *How to Prevent Child Abuse*, *The Truth About Self-Protection*, *Options for Avoiding Assault*, *Ked Power* (self-defense), and videos.

It seems that there are more new customers than women. Either men want self-protection aids, or purchase gift certificates

for their loved ones who will select their individual personal protection.

Classes for pepper spray and mace are held in the store. Benowitz will go to the company site, churches, schools, or any gathering of 12 or more. If one has a mace permit, it may be upgraded at the store.

Safety Works is licensed and trained by the Department of Justice. All items are legal, non-lethal and inexpensive.

Same location, same owners, but a new menu, decor and chefs are pleasing customers at the Mangia Mangis Italian Restaurant, formerly Olde Hickory Bar-B-Que Pit, 755 San Pablo Ave. Owners Lida and Soraya Ghaemi are very excited and proud of the change. More on this later.

Don't forget to visit the participating stores to deposit your free coupon for the Albany Christmas '94 drawing of prizes. Look for the red window posters identifying the participating stores.

If you did not clip one from last week's *The Journal*, Berkeley Voice or Family Fair, the stores have coupons to fill in. No purchase is necessary. Winners will be notified by phone or mail. First prize is

\$100 cash donated by the Chamber of Commerce. Merchants have donated many other prizes. The drawing will be held Thursday, Dec. 22, at the Chamber office.

Dr. Charles Prins is collecting toys, children's and women's clothing, and household items for "A Safe Place," a shelter for battered women and their children. The collection will take place through Saturday, Dec. 17, at Dr. Prins' office, 1308 Solano Ave. Suggested donations are children's toys, ages two through 15, clothing for toddlers/school age children, pots, pans, dishes, lines, and women's clothing, sizes 7-11.

Anyone never examined or not treated in the past year will receive a consultation, examination and report of findings for their donations. All current patients will be given an adjustment for their donations. For information phone 526-6243.

An exhibit entitled "Wood is Wonderful" featuring Holgate toys from yesteryear and today will be on display through Dec. 31 at the Albany Library, 1247 Marin Ave. in Albany. (Phone 526-3720 for library hours.)

Toys on display are from the private collection of Ruth Leif, owner of Play It Again Toys,



Phyllis Benowitz

1170 Solano Ave. Also included in the display are selected childhood keepsakes belonging to some of her customers. Leif's store has both new and previously owned toys for infants through adulthood. There are books, boardgames,

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A reminder: The Chamber of Commerce has a limited supply of "Stories on Albany," Albany T-shirts and sweatshirts for Christmas gifts.

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■ MARTIN SNAPP

**But I Was So Much Older Then:** Lots of response to last week's column about the death of the '60s. Says Oakland attorney Rena Rickles (yes, the same one who was a finalist for the at-large city council seat): "I knew the '60s were over last month, when I looked over at the person on the exercise next to me at the Oakland Hills Tennis Club and realized my workout partner was Angela Davis." . . . By the way, Davis is now sporting blond dreadlocks, but it was unmistakably her, just the same. . . . Who does Berkeley's new mayor, Shirley Dean, owe her victory to? None other than Michael Delacour, the People's Park activist. If he hadn't run in the primary and siphoned off 2 percent of the vote, Don Jelinek would have won outright. As it was, Jelinek got only 49 percent and was forced into a runoff with Dean. And this time there was no Prop. 137 or Feinstein/Huffington race to bring out the lefties. (Not to mention all the students who were busy with finals.) With a smaller turnout, Dean won handily.

**Campus Clutter:** What's the best part about going away to college? No more parents to tell you to clean up your room. Just ask Cal sophomore Liz Fernandez, the state winner of the Milton Bradley Company's Pass The Pigs Pigsty Search, a national contest to find the messiest dorm room in the country. Liz, who was nominated by her resident advisor at Cal's Clark Kerr Campus, says she owes it all to her roommate, Barbara Valencia, who puts up with the mess "as long as I keep it on my side of the room." . . . Conductor Ann Krinitzky of the Community Women's Orchestra's wowed her musicians two weeks ago when she showed up for rehearsal with a Gibraltar-sized engagement ring on her hand, courtesy of her fiancé, the principal timpanist of the Honolulu Philharmonic. So before Sunday night's concert at the Le Conte Middle School, they had a surprise for her: a package containing two timpani mallets wrapped together with a conductor's baton. (What? No ukulele?) . . . The Horsham Operatic and Dramatic Society has blackballed soprano Sara Esser because she's "staturally challenged." (Translation: overweight.) How dumb can they get? Everyone knows the opera ain't over until the fat lady sings.

**Shell Game:** And now, the results of the great Name That Turtle contest. As you'll recall, the folks at the Miyako Hotel were disconcerted to find that their mascot turtle, Otis, was actually a girl. So they asked the public to come up with a new name for him — I mean her. The winning name: "Lotus." Ba da BOOM! (That's what's known in show biz as a Pacific Rim shot.) . . . Did you hear that Yasser Arafat's wife is pregnant? OK, all together now, one more chorus of "Yasser, that's my baby." . . . Scientists announced last week that smoking makes you impotent. Now that's the way to get people where they live. Ten years ago, the British Cancer Society ran an anti-smoking campaign that stressed the health risks. It was a total failure. So they fired their ad agency and hired a new one that came up with commercials saying smoking screws up your sex life. Presto! Cigarette sales plummeted overnight. . . . Have you noticed that Newt Gingrich is an anagram for "grinch get win"? . . . But it's not the funniest name ever to grace the Speaker's chair. That honor goes to Galusha Grow, who was Speaker from 1861 to 1863.

**Berkeley Blue:** Congrats to Sgt. Bud Stone, who will celebrate his 20th year with the Berkeley Police Department tomorrow. My favorite story is the time Bud was called in to deal with a loony on Telegraph Avenue who was accosting people and raving that he was "Prince Polydantia."

Some cops might have been tempted to break out the handcuffs. But instead, Bud said, "Your Highness, the King's evil henchmen will find you here! I'll help you escape!"

It worked. The guy left without any fuss. There are two reasons why I'm telling you this. One is because Bud is a good guy.

The other reason is that he's the head of the Berkeley Police Officers' Association, and I feel guilty because I didn't plug the POA-sponsored Measure I (compulsory salary arbitration for police and firefighters) more heavily.

It lost by the narrowest of margins. And I can't help feeling that if I had shaken my Berkeley readers by their collective lapels, the result might have been different.

Look, we're going to have to deal with this issue sooner or later. If all we want is cops like the guys who beat up Rodney King, then stick with the status quo. But if we want cops like Bud — that is, social workers with guns — then we're going to have to pay for them. It's our choice.

So why have I grown so soft on cops? Simple: Twenty years ago, whenever I saw a police car in my rearview mirror I felt apprehension.

Nowadays if I see one, my only feeling is relief.

That's because as I get older, fewer and fewer of my friends are perpetrators.

And more and more of them are victims.

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## Strike

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Brooks cited the school board's passage of the budget revisions Dec. 7 which included more than \$200,000 to purchase a new computerized management system (plus expenditures for installation and maintenance) and "nothing for employees."

Brooks also said the situation is being aggravated by negotiations for a new contract.

"After having gone three years with reductions, it's kind of a slap in the face for the district to take more away rather than give something back," Brooks said.

But Paul Loya, chief negotiator for the district, said

there's little in the way of salary increases to offer at this time. Instead, he said, the district is willing to discuss a formula put forward by the state's mediator that would require that a portion of any unallocated future funds be allocated to salary increases.

"We're certainly willing to discuss the concept. We're disappointed that the union, which asked for fact finding, have now indicated they can't accept the recommendation," Loya said.

Loya added that part of the problem with negotiations is that the district believes the salary adjustments under consideration are part of the new budget under consideration, rather than belonging in the contract

reopener.

Teachers Tuesday declared impasse in negotiations for a regular contract, which expired last June.

The declaration means that if the district impasse has been reached negotiations through a state mediation and fact finding hopes of resolving differences.

"The district has a number of proposals rights away from teachers. They have this lot of it focuses on special education and their proposals is that if there is an emergency See STRIKE

## Library

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approval of the citizens."

The idea of approaching supportive citizens was raised at the recent annual meeting of the whole membership. At that same meeting, Peggy Sartor was elected the new president.

Sartor agrees that the vote was an encouraging sign in El Cerrito.

"It (reflects) a positive feeling in the community as to how they feel about the library," she said. "Now we're contemplating some way of asking those in the community who feel the library is something they (want to support) to make the donation they would have made if the parcel tax had gone through."

Sartor emphasized, however, that no specific plans have been made; the Friends board does not meet again until January.

"It's the first thing we'll put on the table — how we can best proceed," she said.

No doubt the continued open hours financed by the Friends and the city of El Cerrito will be a top priority. In order to meet budget constraints, the county had proposed that the El Cerrito Library be open only on alternating Fridays and Saturdays. That change has not occurred, thanks to the efforts of the volunteer group — in raising funds privately and in successfully requesting budget monies from the city council.

The result was worth the effort, said Sartor.

"(The alternating plan) was primarily going to be confusing to library patrons," she said. "Secondarily, cutting back those hours (completely) was a bad idea. The library is right next to the school; the kids use it all the time."

We were distressed enough with the way the hours

have been shortened. The library is such a necessary part of the community."

That fact was confirmed by a visit of county librarian Anne Marie Gold to the annual meeting. When asked if library usage had decreased with the generally shorter hours, she reported that in El Cerrito they had in fact increased — one more encouragement for those supporting the library with volunteer time and money. Gold later noted that the recent vote will not lead to any immediate changes in service.

"We didn't lose money as a result of Measure B not passing," she said. "We just didn't get any more."

On the other hand, not everyone is satisfied with current service levels, which have already been reduced in the last few years because of budget cuts.

I think even critics of the library agree that there's not enough current funding to improve the level of library services countywide," she said. "Not improving them at all is one option. But if you want to make significant change, it takes money."

Gold then said she thinks counties and cities (important stakeholders in the system, she said) "need to go back to the drawing board to see if some of the issues that were sticking points Measure B can be worked out."

That's at a "casual discussion level at this point," she said. "It's not as if anyone's jumping onto the next ballot; we have no immediate plans." She did say, however, that the county would be looking to see if there are "any changes or differences we can make in the way we operate (that would) position us better for the voters... (to do) better on a future ballot."

The library situation is, of course, being discussed at other levels as well. The county mayors organization

## Dare

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was certified as a DARE officer after completing an 80-hour program.

"I can tell you those were the toughest 80 hours I have ever gone through," Bennett said of the program, which included interaction in a classroom setting with children.

The nationwide program, sponsored by private organizations, has achieved wide-ranging popularity and is especially prominent in Southern California and the Commission on Peace Officer Standardization and Training (POST) reimbursed the department for Bennett's expenses during the trip, said Murdo.

"It's an expensive program," said Murdo. "(DARE America) wants to be certain the officers will actually, physically do those things they have been trained for."

Meanwhile, start-up costs, including the printing of

booklets and homework lessons for the DARE program in Albany have been paid for through Murdo's allocation of funds from asset seizure.

Two weeks ago, Murdo approached the Albany City Council with information regarding the possible acquisition of federal funds for a community involved police officer.

According to his research, the city could secure \$25,000 in federal monies through a program called COPS FAST.

"But the problem with any nationwide program is that what might pay for two officers in Louisiana won't even pay for half an officer in California," Murdo pointed out at the City Council meeting Dec. 5.

The council would have had to commit to matching the \$25,000 in government funds with money from the already-crippled general fund, a move they were un-

## USGS

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mic activity or ignore it."

Non-political role

Because the USGS is a fundamentally non-political organization — its charter explicitly prohibits it from lobbying on its own behalf, according to USGS spokesperson Pat Jorgenson — little official protest has been heard about its potential abolition.

For the most part, Geological Survey employees try to steer clear of the political fray when it comes to commenting on the Republican budget cut proposal that threatens their jobs.

## Dogs

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southern portion of the open area, park district land, and the northern section, privately owned by Catellus, dog owners tend to use the whole area, and the slough dividing the sections, as a dog park.

Now the company plans to build a driving range at the northernmost end of its property. It's an idea Rogers finds inappropriate for several reasons.

"It would create a real visual blight for people who live above there — both in Richmond Annex and in El Cerrito," he said. He also believes park users of all kinds — not just dog owners — will find it intrusive.

"Having a bunch of golf balls with just a net between you and them isn't really a way to enjoy jogging, biking, hiking or dog walking," said Rogers, who jogs regularly at the park himself. "Maybe the net works, maybe it doesn't. Maybe some kids pull a prank and clip a hole in it the night before."

"It's not a good kind of park situation."

Kensington resident Susan Louie, who sent a re-

sponse card back to Rogers, agrees.

Louie is a self-professed lover of dogs, though she doesn't own one herself. She has picnicked in the area with friends and their dogs.

"It's a great social place for people to walk their dogs," she said. "It's a great place for people to socialize... a great park."

As far as Louie is concerned, a golf course intrudes on the natural setting and is perhaps designed more for an elite group.

"I go to Hawaii from time to time, and it makes me mad," she said. "I think it really destroys the natural beauty of the islands."

"I'm a nature enthusiast, and I always think we should preserve our waterfront and (discourage) development."

Though Louie also counts golf enthusiasts among her friends, she believes Point Isabel should be left as a place "for dogs and for windsurfers."

A new driving range, she said, "would change the

willing to make at this time.

In addition, the council just approved a national analysis of the police department council members said they would feel more hodgepodge to the pot.

Initially, Murdo pitched a more obscure community as a model for how to school to teach children. The community the DARE approach in large part because of its organizational strength.

"I am personally familiar with the DARE and find it impressive and respectable," he said.

"The same issues that affect Berkeley also affect Albany. I hope this program has results we have seen demonstrated elsewhere added.

predict earthquakes, but they will come. . . . who die in the next big earthquake (if it is abolished) will die needlessly. We know avoid that."

Bill Baker (R-Walnut Creek), the sole congressional representative in the East Bay, has no position on the issue.

"He wants to be very careful in endorsing a proposal that is put forward to privatize a public service," said spokeswoman Rob Schwartzwelder. "I see if the USGS functions can be funded, and if not, then he would be skeptical of the proposal."

character of the place."

For his part, Rogers is busy getting his new county supervisor — studying a number of new dog park concerns. He's not quite ready to take the next step will be.

"I'm still getting the cards," he said. "I want to talk to some folks and figure out the way it looks like the flow of cards has dried up."

What Rogers hopes to communicate is that the negative response he's encountered from "just a few fanatic dog lovers" comes from "I've told the Catellus folks that I'm concerned," he said. "I hope the flow of cards will be able to get back to a good level."

"I think there is sentiment out there that I think it does have to percolate back to a good level."

Ultimately, Rogers believes "Cats are wasting a lot of time and energy pursuing a driving range idea." His hope is the county decide that dropping the plan is in its own

The race still names a male and a female number of well-known residents have participated many years: Chuck Lewis and Al Miller. Boards, have participated since the early 1960s. Jim McCrae started out in 1969 and has won races since then.

Olympic team members have participated in record for women was set by Shariel O'Connell. She's made the last three Olympic trials.

Everyone's invited to participate in the Run, but Bartke points out that the Hills "a thinking person's run."



## In the Game



By Peter Mentor

## NFL Lottery: Fun for All

Every time I read sports stories, I wonder where these people are with such stupid positions, like Dallas is dead because the Cowboys lost to the 49ers last week.

The soggy step, an extra inch of turf, and the outcome would be different in that game. Dallas is still tied with San Francisco with the best record in the NFL and the rest of the regular season would really

There is no doubt in my mind Dallas will be in the NFC championship game against the 49ers and one of those teams will probably win the Super Bowl. Troy Aikman is on the team and once he is healthy the 49ers are as good as the 49ers. That is not to say the 49ers beat the Cowboys — we know they can. If ever there was a season for it to happen in a championship game, this it is. If Steve Young remains healthy, without making any runs upfield and the 49ers continue to dominate, no team can beat the 49ers if they are having a good

Everyone is saying the Super Bowl is the NFC championship game, but we won't be watching Buffalo getting wrecked in this Nachofest, because teams like Pittsburgh and Cleveland it should be a fight. Cleveland has the best defense in the AFC and Pittsburgh is next, giving up the fewest points to the Steelers with less than 200 yards allowed this season.

Who is king among these teams? The Browns' win over the Cowboys and a 3-1 record in the AFC teams gives them credibility.

The AFC is back. That side of the league has lost only two more games than it has won (22-24) in the AFC teams this year. The AFC teams are 14-8 against the AFC opponents, and the AFC teams are 12-9 against the AFC teams.

Friend Nefali has been a fan of the Browns. He grew up in Mexico, and he said football was big down there, where a lot of people play the game and kids play flag football. He is the Steelers' defense, which was him of the days when

he ruled the Super Bowl. The Steelers won back-to-back Super Bowls in 1975-76, then repeated in 1979-80. They are one of the teams to win it four times, with San Francisco and

ES AND DREAMS: There are 22 teams alive in the picture, although some are hanging on to far-fetched mathematical possibilities that would choke an NFL computer chip.

Those fans who don't pick San Francisco or Dallas as "their team" are the rest of us have to suffer the Year of Parity. The early season of a divisional title game has those fans worrying only about home-field advantage in the playoffs, which is a healthy worry.

The 49ers fan, but having a fan from New England I have a fortunate situation of being a fan as well. Like other small cities around the NFL, I pick the teams I want to see based on how it will affect my team. England has won five games and I'm sure most of the country is rooting for the Bills to eliminate the Bills. Kelly sidelined for the season should do it.

## Albany lands second in Convent Classic

By Peter Mentor

If anyone were to say last year that Albany girls' basketball would take home a trophy from a tournament, it would have sounded preposterous.

That was last year.

Last weekend the Cougar girls did just that, placing second in the Convent Classic Basketball Tournament in San Francisco to bring home a statue.

What is most amazing is not that this Albany team placed second, but that was not totally happy about the outcome because they could have won the whole thing.

"It would have been nice to take home a tournament win," said Albany first-year coach David De Hart. "We finished second and took home a nice trophy. We should have won."

De Hart was not bitter about the loss, especially since this team is head and shoulders above past Cougar teams. He was pleased that they took home a trophy, but more pleased the way they played in the tournament.

Albany beat San Domenico 55-21 in the opening round Friday on the hot scoring hand of 5-11 senior Jessie Wofsy, who muscled inside the lane for most of her team-high 20 points to lead all scorers.

The Cougars led 22-13 at the half, then shut out San Domenico in the third quarter with a 13-0 run. Albany scored 20 points in the fourth quarter alone, almost equalling San Domenico's total output for the night.

The Cougars had even scoring from juniors Veronica Cursh and Mahsa Khodabakhsh, who picked up eight points apiece, while sophomore Alena Brown chipped in seven and Willow Banks had

six.

The win broke a two-game losing streak for the Cougars and sent them into the tournament finals against host Convent of the Sacred Heart.

Albany led at the end of each of the first three quarters and entered the final quarter up 28-26, but Convent went on an 18-11 run in the fourth quarter to win it 44-39.

The Cougars were unable to contain Convent post player Alexi Kealy, who scored 12 of her team-high 16 points in the fourth quarter to spark the run.

Wofsy paced Albany on 15 points and Lynn Yamamoto had 10 points, including a 3-pointer. Cursh added seven points and Khodabakhsh scored five points in the loss.

The difference in the final game compared to the night before came down to the inability of Albany to get the ball inside to Wofsy at the post.

"In the first game they worked well and we were able to get inside quite often," said De Hart. "In the second game it was difficult to get inside to Jessie. She got fouled a lot and she didn't get the calls."

Wofsy made the all-tournament team, scoring 35 points in two games. The senior is averaging just over 15 points a game this season with 91 points after six games. Albany was also unable to hit free throws, going 8-for-21 from the charity stripe after hitting 7-of-12 the night before.

Albany's record went to 3-3 and the Cougars finish the pre-season at Berean Christian Friday (6 p.m. tipoff). Then comes a three-week hiatus before the Alameda Contra Costa Athletic League season begins Jan. 6 at Salesian.

## Cougars lose ground in championship round

By Scott Kaplan

If you saw the list of teams the Albany boys' basketball team has beaten you'd probably chuckle. However, the fact remains that the Cougars are playing some pretty good hoops.

Last Saturday Albany (4-1) suffered their first loss of the season, to Pittsburg in the Champi-

onship game of the Tennyson Lance classic in Hayward. Doug Kagawa's Cougars are off to their best start in three years.

Football standout Saleem Madhi led all scorers Saturday with 20 points as the Pirates, a team that made the Division I NCS playoffs last year, improved to 3-2 overall.

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## Berkeley finds the way



Jeff Lundquist

Senior Jennifer DeBellis had a team high 14 points against College Park.

## Jackets need good competition to play well

By Peter Mentor

The Berkeley girls' basketball team had not played as well as its record showed until Monday night, when the Yellowjackets faced a tough team and won in the last minutes 46-41 against College Park in Pleasant Hill.

The Jackets raised their pre-season record to 5-1. It was the most promising the team has looked all year.

College Park held a lead until Berkeley junior Tiffany Green scored late in the fourth quarter for a 41-39 advantage.

The Falcons regained the lead on the next bucket, but Jacket senior Jennifer DeBellis scored and was intentionally fouled on the next play to start a six-point run that would win the game for Berkeley.

DeBellis hit her free throws and Berkeley went into the four-corner drill, a mature move for a team this early in the season. The Falcons tried to stuff DeBellis and Kym Ford, but Ryaja Johnson scored four points from the baseline to seal the victory.

"It went right down to the last minute actually," said Berkeley

coach Gene Nakamura. "They were trying to overplay JD and pressure Kym, and (Ryaja) put them through. It was a great game. We played up to the competition — this team was the toughest we've played."

DeBellis had a team-high 14 points including two three-pointers, while Maruwa Ngumezi added nine points and Green and Johnson added eight apiece.

Any good team can and must score, but Berkeley won this game on the boards where

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## Cougar girls kick off soccer season with two wins

By Peter Mentor

Last year Albany girls' soccer started out the season with nine consecutive losses, but Cougar coach Della Martinez told her players to hang in there and good things would happen.

The Cougars ended up going to the North Coast Section playoffs by winning their division in the Alameda Contra Costa Athletic League, and after that the players believed what their coach said.

This season Albany started off on the right foot by beating Mt. Diablo 6-0 in the season opener and then three days later defeat-

ing Pittsburg 4-0 for a 2-0 start to the season.

Beating these particular teams was cause for satisfaction for the Cougars, because both teams beat Albany last year.

The Cougars dominated the season opener against Mt. Diablo, scoring three goals in the first half and three more in the second half, while the defense allowed just three shots on goal all day.

Vanessa Preisler scored the game-winning goal when she took a clearing pass up the right wing, beat her defender and won a one-on-one match with the Red Devil

goalie. She finished on an unstoppable shot into the left corner of the net for the 1-0 lead.

Annie Izaki's goal made it 2-0 and Christina Leonard scored the first of her two goals just before halftime for a 3-0 advantage.

Lindsay Watty tallied twice to start the second half, and Leonard notched her second goal of the game for the 6-0 final.

Cougar goalie Miki Gray started the game and goalkeeper Xiamang Ba finished as the two combined for the shutout, and Albany had one more win that the team had after nine games last

season.

Albany traveled to Los Medanos College to play Pittsburg and came home with a sweet 4-0 victory and a two-game winning streak.

Leonard got the game-winning goal on a through ball from Izaki that she easily deposited into the upper left corner for her third goal of the season.

Watty scored the second goal, her third of the season, and Leonard tallied right before the half for the 4-0 lead at the break.

Preisler tacked on one more goal in the second half, allowing

Martinez to bring in her reserves as all 19 players saw action in this one.

Albany is feeling good about the quick start, especially after the slow start last year.

"For the first games of the season they are starting just where they left off last year," said Martinez, who convinced her team after the ninth straight loss last year not to give up.

That 1993-94 team had seven players who had never played soccer. This year the team was lucky enough to pick up three Class 1

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## El Cerrito ties Berkeley to remain undefeated in preseason soccer

By Peter Mentor

Stick a mirror between El Cerrito's 3-0-3 record and you have the same record: three wins, three ties and no losses to start the preseason on an unbeaten note.

The Gauchos had a chance to break that optical freak of nature against Antioch Monday night, but the Panthers called it off because of the driving rain.

El Cerrito's last game was a 3-3 tie against former league opponent Berkeley a week ago Thursday, a game the Gauchos thought they would win.

El Cerrito went up 2-0 on two goals by junior forward Joe Ursini, both coming on assists by Warren Okubo.

Berkeley tied it up 2-2, but Gauchos sophomore Xongdeth Chaymany scored the go-ahead in the second half and the lead held until late in the game.

Then with time winding down, Berkeley's Remy Tennany scored to claim the tie for the Yellowjackets.

"We were ahead with two minutes left and they scored the tying goal," said El Cerrito coach Fred

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## ALBANY GIRLS' SOCCER 1994-95 SEASON

Dec. 6 MT. DIABLO 6-0 win  
Dec. 8 at Pittsburg  
Dec. 14 BERKELEY  
Dec. 16 at Pinole  
Dec. 19 PIEDMONT JV  
Dec. 28 at Antioch (6:30)

Jan. 21 PIEDMONT  
Jan. 25 at De Anza  
Jan. 27 at St. Joseph  
Feb. 1 RICHMOND  
Feb. 3 at Holy Names  
Feb. 8 ALAMEDA  
Feb. 10 at Bishop O'Dowd  
Feb. 14-18 ACCAL Playoffs  
Feb. 21-25 NCS Playoffs

## ACCAL Games

Jan. 4 at Encinal  
Jan. 10 SKYLINE  
Jan. 12 at El Cerrito (6:30)  
Jan. 17 SALESIAN  
Jan. 19 at St. Elizabeth

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## El Cerrito

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Gonzalez. "We were playing a lot of people. I have 21 kids, so I have a first-half lineup and a second-half lineup. I'm just trying to get a set lineup."

This was obviously not the first tie for the team this year, and although Gonzalez would have liked to have wins in those games, he was not too upset with the ties.

The Gauchos began the season on a winning note by beating College Park 1-0 on a penalty kick by Okubo, who has two crucial goals on penalty kicks so far this season.

El Cerrito then had back-to-back games against Pinole Valley, tying the first game 1-1 and winning the second game 2-1.

Gonzalez said the first Pinole Valley game was an evenly matched affair where either team could have won. The second game was the same as the first, only this time the Gauchos pulled it off.

Clayton Valley had a 1-0 lead on El Cerrito in the Gauchos' fourth game, but Okubo came through again on his second clutch penalty kick for the tie.

El Cerrito knocked off Mt. Diablo 4-0 on two goals by Ursini and solo goals by Javier Castillo and Chaymany.

The turning point in that game came in the first half, when goalie Trent Davalos dove to his right and stopped a Mt. Diablo penalty kick that would have tied it up. Instead he made the save and woke up his teammates.

"We were lackadaisical up to then," said Gonzalez. "We got on our game and performed a lot better."

The preseason comes to a close tonight in a match at Pittsburg (6:30 p.m. start), then the Gauchos have three weeks off before their first Alameda Contra Costa Athletic League match against Bercan Christian on Jan. 4 in El Cerrito.

El Cerrito also had two scrimmages against ACCAL opponents. The Gauchos beat St. Mary's 2-1 in late November and were scheduled to play defending North Coast champion Richmond last Tuesday, although those games do not count on the official records.

### The players

Gonzalez said he likes to get the ball to the feet of his best players, starting with Okubo. That is why Okubo takes penalty kicks and it is also why he is a starting midfielder.

"Warren is one of four half-backs," said Gonzalez. "He has to be in a position where he can touch the ball a lot more."

Joining Okubo in the midfield is middle halfback Mark Moschetti, left half Daniel Petersen and Castillo, who switches between left wing and middle half.

Senior Brian Lilhanand is the sweeper, although he platoons the position with Davalos, who is a good field player as well.

Davalos hurt his hand last year and was forced to play out on the

field. This year he switches off goal-tending duties with 6-foot-3 keeper Matt Benton.

Benton had a shoulder injury last year, but both players are back to full strength, with Davalos playing in goal the first half and Benton taking it over in the second half.

That must be difficult switch for opponents to take. Davalos is a good goalie and at 5-foot-9 he has to be quick and smart to stop the shots.

When he comes out to play sweeper, the taller Benton goes in and the goal gets even smaller in the sights of the opposing strikers.

On El Cerrito's offense are forwards Ursini and Chaymany, who get a jump on defenders with the good passing of Okubo.

Ursini leads the team with four goals and Chaymany (who was also injured last year) has three goals, while Okubo has a team-high six assists. "We try to work on our transition game," said Gonzalez. "Once we take away the ball we fast break to their goal. With out speed we should do it a lot more often. That's what we are working on."

Robert Tanuz, a right wing, hurt his ankle against Clayton Valley, but should be back for the regular season start in January.

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freshman players from the Bay Oaks soccer program and two other players who didn't play last year to bolster the returning players from last season.

Preisler, Leonard and Doris Mitchell are three talented freshmen bringing in club skills to the team and sophomores Watty and Jenny Graves are also adding a new dimension after sitting out last season.

Martinez praised the defensive efforts of Mitchell and Graves, who turned in two shutouts in a row on defense.

Leonard leads the team in scoring with four goals, while Watty has three goals and Preisler two goals and two assists.

The Cougars were scheduled to play at home against Berkeley this past Wednesday, although rain threatened to put a damper on that date.

Albany plays six preseason games this year, the next coming tomorrow (Friday) at Pinole Valley and then home on Monday against the Piedmont junior varsity. An away game at Antioch December 28 rounds out the preseason and the ACCAL starts January 4 at Encinal.

This year it will be a lot harder for Albany to make the North Coast playoffs, because the league abolished the divisional system and put a six-team playoff system in place. Albany plays 12 league games, one against each team in the league in cutthroat fashion. Only the top six teams make the playoffs. The top two teams go on to North Coast.

## Berkeley

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Ngumezi grabbed 17 rebounds and Ford had 11 for 21 carries between the two players.

If Berkeley has a weakness, it showed from the free throw line, where the Jackets shot an appalling 8-for-21 to make the game closer than it had to be.

Still, this game showed a team that was poised at the finish, which is where a lot of games are won and lost, and it did it against a solid team.

Before the College Park game Nakamura said L.S. team was struggling, which was underlined by the low-scoring 38-31 loss to De Anza last week when the Jackets scored just 12 field goals and went 7-for-29 from the line.

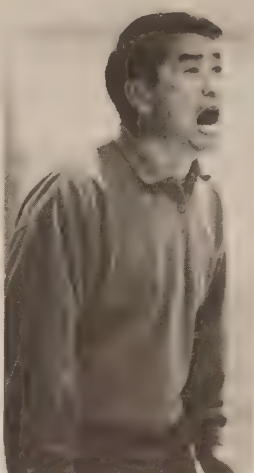
Berkeley's other wins came against Redwood, Skyline, Lowell of San Francisco and El Cerrito. The first three wins were by margins of 29, 13 and 15 points, respectively, but the El Cerrito game came down to the wire in a 42-40 win.

The College Park game was a reminder of how well Berkeley can do against a good team.

### Injuries and eligibility

This is the third year Berkeley has suffered injuries or lost players early because of eligibility problems.

Junior Tejuanya Tolbert was lost for four to five weeks when she underwent arthroscopic surgery on the meniscus in her knee. Tolbert averaged double figures in scoring, was able to penetrate the lane well and played good



Jacket Coach Gene Nakamura

defense. She had surgery last week and could be back as soon as the start of the Bay Valley Athletic League season in January.

Two other players — Charicka Davis and Pashen Bagsby — are not eligible to play, but could be back for the second half of the season in February.

"If I get my players back we'll beat everybody," said Nakamura. "Tanya had surgery last Tuesday and we're trying to adjust to that loss."

Berkeley's 5-10 sophomore Deonna Sayles is being asked to fill in for Tolbert, and those are tough shoes to fill.

"She's making a lot of young mistakes," said Nakamura of his young player. "Deonna has a lot of potential, but she's got a long way to go."

DeBellis is leading the team and Ngumezi, who is heading to University of New Mexico next year, should be scoring more with all the rebounds she is getting.

"Maruwa is struggling finishing," said Nakamura. "She should be averaging high teens and she's not averaging 10. We need her and Jen to play big. We need someone to take up slack for Tejuanya's loss."

The team was also committing a lot of fouls and shooting below 30 percent from the free-throw line, the things that separate a championship-type team from a mere contender.

Berkeley has good talent in sophomore twin guards Raquel and Michelle Brewer, and there are also Ford, Johnson, Jamala Rahim and Zoe Bartholomew, whom Nakamura is looking to score some points.

"They are really quick and they play great defense," said Nakamura of his 5-foot-3 twins. "Their offense needs some work."

Shavaki Jackson, a 6-2 sophomore transfer from Encinal, is another up-and-coming prospect for the team.

"She can run the floor," Nakamura said of Jackson. "She's going to be a hell of a player. She could be a starter by the end of the year. She is really improving and her height helps."

If Berkeley was tested Mon-

day, the Jackets are in for a greater test this week. Amador Valley takes on either Merced or Sonoma Friday night in the early-season tournament, said Nakamura.

Berkeley was the host Amador Valley in the round Wednesday night, but the other game Friday night, which teams won was not reported.

In the other bracket, Valley and Enterprise play one game; St. Francis of San Francisco and the other game Friday night, which teams won was not reported.

Berkeley is the Healdsburg next Tuesday, plays Clayton Valley Friday, the Jackets the preseason at the Tournament at the month to prime for the January at Catalina.

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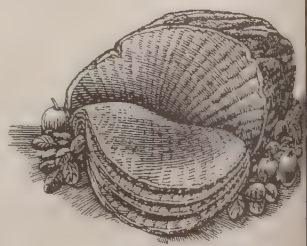
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## Artist's Statement

From the catalogue of the exhibit "Rough Magic: Art and Artifice by Ariel"

Why Rough? Decades ago in Oxford, I climbed onto a stage to have a closer look at a magnificent sculpture, a Strasbourg Angel. On inspection she was a whole—or half of one—a head, and a declension of old rags. With these prompts, I and the rest of the audience had been asked to extrapolate the whole graceful figure, and the figure had in turn evoked a time and place.

I once complained to a lighting designer that after all these centuries and the prodigious nature of much production, the lamps themselves were pretty crude. He countered, so is paintbrush.

I came to theatre as a painter, and learned the craft from colleagues and technicians. My usefulness, and the reason I have often designed both costume and setting, is a painter's habit of the vision of the whole. Unlike many designers, I first make renderings of how the individual figures will look in performance—pose, costume, setting. I spend a long time on these drawings, and the process of making them interesting, meaningful, beautiful itself generates ideas for design.

Painting and design are problems of emphasis, composition, relationship, and play effects of texture, movement, light. For theatre, what works on the eye, including elision, regularity, overlay, the coming through of the layer, happy accident is infinitely suggestive for the motion, mass, and theme of the finished, sized piece.

Someone said that theatre is a lab course for me. My renderings are a course for theatre, the experiments on which the making drawings that guide the actual construction of setting, properties, and costume then based. The drawings in this exhibition are an open process of discovery. The artifacts are remnants, salvaged elements of production.

I would have been reluctant to work in theatre without the wholeness and integrity of separate projects as a painter: the long quiet meditation of production, the relatively stable "rightness" of what is produced. That choice between dualities may have been what Shakespeare's Prospero meant in abjuring "this rough magic."

The line comes as he suddenly cuts off a fantastic theatre piece named for Ferdinand and Miranda. He will return to him, to his garden and palace, as Shakespeare, only after writing *The Tempest*, returned to Oxford. "They" had had enough of masks and ruses, of the arduous change of the new situation, of effects that must themselves in fulfillment. In the arts contemplation and of being, there is Magic still.

Theatrical performance, for all its radiance, is a flower. Some of the productions represented in this show began in a text score by the established others are the work as yet, and perhaps the unknown. All genuine seriousness power.



A cutout of the artist's name in the window of the Performing Arts Library and Museum in San Francisco. Reflected are the balustrades of the Performing Arts Garage across the street.

## Rough Magic: Art and Artifice by Ariel

By Don McConnell

For over 30 years the Berkeley artist who uses the single name Ariel has been creating settings and costumes for theatrical works—sung, spoken and danced—as well as painting and sculpting. Her work has been seen in theaters and gallery exhibits in Oakland, San Francisco, New York, England and other places.

This fall, San Francisco's Performing Arts Library and Museum (PALM) mounted an exhibit of her designs for Bay Area organizations—the California Shakespeare Festival, the San Francisco Opera, Berkeley Ballet Theatre and others.

Besides offering a sampling of the variety of moods and styles of an artist inspired by the grotesque as well as the fantastic, the exhibit offers an extraordinary glimpse of the mechanics of theatrical design.

Included are initial sketches for costumes or sets, detailed blueprints for the construction of props, as well as finished costumes and projections (which are finished paintings or drawings that are then turned into slides to be projected on the back wall of a stage).

In some cases, several phases of a single costume or set are on display.

The most immediately striking objects are lifesize sculptures that realize (or depart from) some of the costumes. The "Commendatore/Don Juan" shown above (and constructed with the collaboration of Larry Craven)

broodingly dominates its part of the room. A fantasmagoric 'Iris' hangs from ceiling pipes 10 feet above the floor.

The most shocking is the series "Stations of the Cross," each 16 inches by 12 inches, which were projected as a backdrop (one of them is shown below). The agony of Christ is presented with a directness that brings alive the cruelty of the torture.

A monumental oil tribute to S.F. Opera general director Lotfi Mansouri occupies a huge street display window of the museum; it's been stopping traffic since September.

The exhibit continues through Dec. 30 at PALM, 399 Grove St. (at Gough) in San Francisco; its phone is 255-4800.

Hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday to Friday (though the museum closes at noon both Dec. 23 and 30); and noon to 4 p.m. on Saturday (though it will be closed Christmas Eve). Admission is free.

Ariel, writing as Ariel Parkinson, reviews art, dance and theater for this newspaper.



Foreground: Sculpture: Commendatore/Don Juan, standing figure with two heads. From 'The Last Dream of Don Juan,' Berkeley Ballet Theatre, 1984. Choreographer: Robert Nichols. Music by Samuel Barber. Background: Sculpture: Isis. From 'The Man Who Died,' by D.H. Lawrence. Berkeley Ballet Theatre, 1985.



From sketch (right) to finished costume (above): 'Tamino's Fox,' from

Mozart's 'Magic Flute,' San Francisco Opera (Merola Production in Stern Grove), 1982. In the final mask, the horizontal throat stripes of the sketch have become a mane of tassels. The dominant color of the fox is deep red.



(All photographs, except the catalogue cover below, are by Don McConnell.)

Right: The exhibit catalogue with a detail of Ariel's painting of the costume for Prospero, from 'The Tempest,' California Shakespeare Festival 1992. The exhibit contains many artifacts from this and a San Jose performance of 'The Tempest,' including, naturally, a variety of sketches of costumes for Ariel.



Left: 'Stations of the Cross: The Agony in the Garden,' a projection from 'Vesalii Icones' by Peter Maxwell Davies, Gary Palmer Dance Company at the Waterfront Theatre, 1987.



ROUGH MAGIC: ART AND ARTIFICE BY ARIEL  
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## ■ Books reviews

# Suggestions for books for kids

By Barbara L. Sloane

Every December book reviewers make a pitch for books as holiday gifts. No, we're not in the employ of publishers. Most of us not only love books but also really do believe that somewhere there is the book for every individual.

In our family it's a Christmas tradition that every child can count on getting a book. With grandchildren which include an aspiring ballerina, a future NBA star, an avid soccer player, a whale lover, two toddlers and a babe in arms, the search for the right selection is almost as much fun as watching the unwrapping on Christmas Day.

Our Bay Area children's authors have provided so many excellent choices that it isn't even necessary to consider the usual seasonal output of snowman, Santa and reindeer tales.

### Books about families

The nature and animal lovers among the younger set will enjoy two new Joanne Ryder books. This San Francisco author has a unique ability for transforming the nature world into a world of wonder.

*White Bear, Ice Bear* (Mulberry, \$4.95), illustrated by Michael Rothman, draws the young reader from a warm bed into the snow-filled world of a polar bear. Ryder's text and Rothman's pictures of this chilly, wintry environment make us, along with the young boy in the story, eager to return to a warm home.

*My Father's Hands* (Morrow, \$15), illustrated vibrantly by Mark Graham, celebrates the small discoveries, such as a snail, a praying mantis and a beetle, to be found in an ordinary garden. More importantly, the book also subtly demonstrates the loving relationship between a father and daughter.

Jonathan London, who lives in Sonoma County, has written two vastly different books for Chronicle Books. *Liplap's Wish* (\$12.95) was inspired by illustrator Sylvia Long's poster for the American Cancer Society of a bunny and his mother wishing upon a star. Liplap, the endearing little bunny, enjoys the first snowfall until he begins to miss his dead grandma. Liplap's mother is able to show him how love can transcend our sadness over separation. A very moving book.

London's other nature book, *Condor's Egg* (\$13.95), is a carefully researched account of the lives of one California condor family. Illustrator James Chaffee adds the realistic background necessary to understand the problems members of this endangered species face.

### Tales about other lands

Most children are fascinated

by folk tales from other lands. *The Junior Thunder Lord* by Lawrence Yep (Bridgewater, \$15.95) is a reminder, if one were needed, that this San Franciscan is an award-winning author of books about Chinese Americans.

This fable has all the characteristics of most folk tales, including the gentle, kind hero who befriends an obnoxious buffoon who turns out to be much more. The brilliantly colored illustrations by Robert Van Nutt are perfect for this lively tale.

### Add "Nochebuena" to the family's Christmas Eve songfest.

Elisa Kleven is an illustrator from Albany who has produced several charming, whimsical books. Now Dutton Children's Books has paired her with Berkeley songwriter Jose-Luis Orozco to collaborate on *De Colores and Other Latin-American Folk Songs for Children* (\$16.99).

From the delightful cover of happy children singing and dancing through 50 pages of songs translated from Spanish, this is a book meant for families to enjoy. A charming collection of bi-lingual offerings complete with suggestions for sing-alongs, hand gestures and games. Add

### Any child with a sometimes-forgetful but beloved grandmother will understand what the story is all about.

"Nochebuena" to the family's Christmas Eve songfest.

### Books about the food chain

During a season when food takes center stage, *The Boy Who Ate Around* (Hyperion, \$14.95), written and illustrated by Berkeley's Henrick Drescher, will delight 4- to 8-year-olds who like to be "grossed out." When Mo is confronted with lizard guts and bullfrog heads (string beans and cheese soufflé) he becomes a monster devouring all in his path. And I do mean all. This is the kind of book that gives parents a pause and that kids love.

*What's For Lunch?* (Lothrop, Lee and Shepard, \$15) is a tamer version of the "eating around" theme for slightly younger children. Sidney the mouse is threat-

ened by the cat, who is threatened by the dog, who is threatened—and so on down the food chain. However, Oakland author John Schindel and his illustrator, Kevin O'Malley, keep the story light and funny with a happy ending.

### Making math fun

That math can be light and funny, too, is illustrated by three new offerings from Bay Area authors. Albany's Paul Giganti Jr. has written a counting book, *How Many Snails?* (Mulberry, \$4.95), appropriate for kindergartners and up. Donald Crews' pictures help lead the young readers through an entertaining series of questions which make counting fun.

David Schwartz of San Anselmo has two guides to money matters obviously meant to go together. *If You Made a Million* (Mulberry, \$4.95) starts small with a young girl earning a penny but ends with a child's dreams of what a million dollars can buy. Steven Kellogg's cartoon-style illustrations make learning about banks, interest and savings understandable and exciting.

*How Much Is a Million?* (\$18.95) by the same author/illustrator team is a big picture book in which curious children learn with the help of Marvelousissimo the Mathematical Magician just how many days it would take to count to one million (23). Then they take on the magnitude of one billion and one trillion. Maybe a copy of this book should be sent to Washington.

### Books about families

As seems appropriate for this season, my last two suggested books are about families. *Mel's Diner* (Bridgewater, \$13.95) is written and illustrated by Marissa Moss from Berkeley. Moss' story is of Mabel, who loves her life helping out in her family's diner. Not only does the author convey the sense of accomplishment Mabel receives from helping her parents, but she also indirectly celebrates our area's diversity as customers of all colors and ages find a peaceful haven in the diner.

My final choice is a book which illustrates the special bond between grandparent and grandchild. *"I Remember!" Cried Grandma Pinky* (Bridgewater, \$14.95) is author Jan Wahl's appealing account of the pleasure little Nutmeg enjoys when her Grandma Pinky comes to visit. Grandma may forget what day it is, but she delights Pinky with stories of moments from her past which she remembers vividly.

Although Berkeley illustrator Arden Johnson uses fluffy white bears as the main characters, any child with a sometimes-forgetful but beloved grandmother will understand what the story is all about.



Sally Wilson

## Oakland Lyric Opera revives 'Amahl'

The Oakland Lyric Opera presents its first productions this weekend—Menotti's beloved Christmas tale 'Amahl and the Night Visitors' and the premiere of Sandra Bernhard's 'Holiday Miracle.' These are full-scale productions with orchestra. 'Amahl' features Sam Coffin as Amahl, alternating in that role with David Kasevoff. Coffin is shown above with the three kings—Charles Gavenhorst, left, John Rose

and Frederick Matthews. 'Holiday Miracle' uses pieces from such operas 'La Boheme' and 'Carmen' as well as carols like 'Silent Night' and 'O Holy Night.' Performances are Friday at 8 p.m., Saturday at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m., and Sunday at 2 p.m., all at the Laney College Theater, 900 Fallon St., Oakland. Tickets are \$18 (\$15 seniors/students; \$10 youth; group discounts). Call 531-4231 for reservations.

## Barry Levinson's 'Disclosure'—

# Sexual harassment with a new twist

■ When men are the victims, is it just a case of the buzzards coming home to roost?

By Renata Polt

Hell hath no fury like a woman scorned, especially one who occupies the penthouse suite. Or that's the premise of *Disclosure*, Barry Levinson's nouveau take on sexual harassment, adapted from Michael Crichton's novel.

In this film, Demi Moore, her hair long and sleek, her suits short and provocative, joins the troop of toxic females such as Linda

— but even more so when Meredith, with an expensive bottle of chardonnay as bait, tries to restart their relationship.

Tries, that is, as in yanking over his fly and — you fill in the rest. Tom's flesh may be more than willing, but his spirit gets the better of it, and when he says "no," he means it.

### After Michael Douglas' character rejects his boss' sexual advances, she charges him with harassment.

And the following day, Meredith is charging sexual harassment. Tom counter-charges, under the direction of attorney Catherine Alvarez (*Chicago Hope's* Roma Maffia). All of this takes place within one week.

The action of *Disclosure* is based on high technology: not only e-mail and mobile phones, but virtual reality and more computer lingo than I can begin to follow (my computer guru tells me it's all quite authentic, however).

# New anthology tells about vacations in hell

I SHOULD HAVE STAYED HOME: The Worst Trips of Great Writers. Edited by Roger Rapoport and Marguerita Castanera. Book Passage Press, a division of RDR Books, Berkeley. 1994.

By Renata Polt

So you think you had a lousy time on your vacation? Wait till you read some of the accounts of trips-from-hell described by the four dozen or so contributors to *I Should Have Stayed Home*. Their experiences range from the sublimely awful to the ridiculous, with lots of stopovers en route.

The writers range from well-known travel (and other) writers such as Paul Theroux, Jan Morris, Eric Hansen, Barbara Kingsolver and Isabel Allende, to relative unknowns whose participation in a contest, "My Favorite Worst Travel Experience," at the 1993 Book Passage Tale Writers' Conference (Corte Madera) won them a spot in the collection.

I wouldn't go so far as to describe them all as "great" writers, as the book's subtitle does, but they're all certainly competent. Many are Bay Area locals.

Some of the essays, and the trips they describe, are laugh-out-loud funny — e.g. Michael Dorris' airline experience (airlines are frequently the culprits in these accounts), or Richard Harris' tale of a border crossing involving a tiny lizard.

Other misadventures result from innocence or ignorance. Bay Area travel writer Shirley Streshinsky, erroneously assuming that a part of the Boeing 737 on which she's flying has fallen off, prepares for the hereafter.

Louis B. Jones, at 16, believes he can navigate all of Europe by river. Alew Lytle Croutier, entering the former Soviet Union, converts all her cash into rubles, only to find that she can't re-convert what's left over when she leaves. These, like several other stories, end in bliss or enlightenment.

Other essays deal with more serious themes: Eric Hansen's glimpse into the lives of the homeless in Grand Central Station; Larry O'Connor's experiences as a tourist in poverty-stricken Haiti.

O'Connor's essay feels as if it were trying to take us further, but, like all the pieces in the collection, it's very short. It could be that the editors set a word limit — and that's a pity, because all we get is a peek instead of the fuller

experience that some of the writers could have provided.

The writers' work is further sabotaged by careless copy editing. Commas are sprinkled too liberally through the book; place names are mis-written ("Marienberg" for "Marienbad") or spelled oddly; other words are simply misspelled ("well-healed" for

### A book to savor bit by awful bit, 'commotion recollected in tranquility,' as Pico Iyer puts it.

"well-heeled"). If these great writers don't know how to spell, at least their editors should — or am I the only reader who still cares about such details?

*I Should Have Stayed Home* is not a book to read in big chunks. Rather, it's one to savor bit by awful bit, the "commotion recollected in tranquility," as Pico Iyer puts it, making you glad to be safely home in front of your fireplace or in your own comfortable bed.

By the way, have I told you about the night I spend in jail in Perpignan, France, the night all the hotels were full? Or about my attempt to find a restroom in rural Borneo when I — oh, never mind.

# Rescued pets available for adoption

Hopalong Pet Rescue will offer cats and maybe a dog or two for adoption on Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in front of Your Basic Bird pet store at 2940 College Ave., Berkeley.

The animals were "rescued" from the Oakland Animal Shelter when their holding period had run its course. Hopalong paid the fees to adopt the animals, and they ask you to pay that fee if you adopt a pet — \$30 (cats) to \$75 (dogs).

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It's not just window-gimmickry; it all plays the story. What's disclosed via computer mail and on-line newspaper well as through the train of that brick-and-glass building, which plays a role in the picture (though it was built on Warner's back lot).

If there's plenty of truth disclosed in the story, the truth (that's the legacy of modern age, says comedian Bob Garvin), and the truth is a slippery business.

Which is where becomes a thriller, with not lives) hanging in. Who has been sending mysterious e-mail messages how is it that he won the battle but lost the

The film's most character is Meredith, driven purely by power and aggressive and proud says that she learned from men and plays their way. Moore gives a fine portrayal, but the remains one-dimensional.

*Disclosure* (script) Attanasio, who wrote suggests that men become predators, want themselves to blame. "I have fun with them — want our jobs," Moore played executive on the Even proper Tom gives the tary the occasional came the fanny.

Meredith has simple male double standard it to her own uses. The have come home to roost

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## East Bay Events This Week

### Community Chorus sings 'Messiah'

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# Cougars

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Andre Rabb-Patterson led Albany with 18 points, but Jon Sanger, the Cougars leading scorer, was held to a season low 10 points.

Marc Souza tossed in nine points for the Cougars, while junior Vincent Chooi added eight.

Albany made it to the championship game by virtue of wins over Riverbank and host Tennyson.

Against Riverbank Albany overcame a gaudy 27 turnovers to pick up a narrow 54-53 victory.

Tony Leonard's follow shot with 20 seconds remaining in the contest was game-winner. Sanger sparked Albany with 16 points and 12 rebounds.

In perhaps its most impressive outing of the year, Albany scorched the nets for 12 three-pointers in a 81-65 victory over the Tennyson Lancers Friday.

Sanger set a school-record nailing seven three point shots, breaking the record of 5 that he had previously shared with Danny Coen and Marty Taylor.

Sanger scored 30 points on Friday, and is averaging 23.8 points a contest. Rabb-Patterson is the teams second leading scorer at 11.8 ppg.

Sanger also had 29 points last Tuesday in the Cougars 65-54 win over Head Royce.

Today Albany opens up in the Richmond Classic versus John Swett. Game time at John F. Kennedy High School is 5 p.m.

## El Cerrito boys basketball

The Gauchos captured the consolation title of the Chris Vontoure De La Salle Spartan classic by defeating Castlemont 83-74.

Raymond King led all scorers Saturday, with 27 points including three three-pointers as the Gauchos improved to 3-3 overall. King was named to the all-tourney team along with fellow guard Maceo Thomas.

Midway through the third the Gauchos' advantage widened to 55-30 before the Knights went on a 37-19 tear in the next eight minutes to make the score respectable.

Damon Lee scored a season-high 21 points for the Gauchos while Marcel Davis tossed in 14.

El Cerrito opened up the tourney by losing to nationally ranked St. Raymond's of the New York 83-72 in overtime.

Ravens' guard Charton Clark poured in 41 points as St. Raymond's stormed back from an early 15-point deficit.

King nailed a three-pointer with five seconds left in regulation to tie it up, but in overtime Clark tossed in eight points to lift St. Raymond's to victory. The Ravens, out of the Bronx, outscored the Gauchos 16-5 in the extra session.

On Friday El Cerrito defeated St. John Bosco of Bellflower 71-64. King had 25 points to lead all scorers. Like the Castlemont affair, the score was somewhat misleading as the Gauchos led by 18 points in the fourth before Bosco made a late run.

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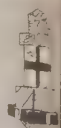
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# 1993 German Rieslings: More hits than misses

This is the wrong time of year to be discussing Riesling — a white grape varietal which often produces light fruity wines best consumed in the summer. But there is no better time to be addressing this much-maligned grape because there are some beautiful wines being produced from it — especially from its indigenous birthplace — Germany.

Often referred to as Johannisberg Riesling in this country where incidentally, the varietal is beginning to make a comeback after years of being regarded as second-class, it is the Germans who have produced from it, the most notable wines.

In Germany, where the weather for growing grapes can be frightful (almost no red grapes are grown), off-vintages with few exceptions, have been the norm through the mid-1980s.

But since '85, the wines —

made almost exclusively from Riesling grapes — coming out of Germany's 13 wine regions (Sachsen and Saale-Unstrut were added beginning in '91 when the two Germany's reunited), have been outstanding.

The '90 vintage, perhaps the greatest in Germany since '71, is showing powerful wines with great acidity and fruit; the '88s are balanced and firm; and the '89s are best for late harvest dessert wines.

Some feel the 1993 vintage may be the best in the last three years. Through the winter and spring, Germany escaped frost damage. In fact, hot temperatures led to the earliest blossoming since the end of WWII. Harvest began much earlier than usual and progressed well until early October when large periods of rain caused some rot. The late season precipitation was the

reason 1993 is a good and not a great vintage. I had an opportunity recently to taste about 180 German wines from the '93 vintage from about a half-dozen regions. The wines ranged in official state quality (based upon ripeness of the grapes) from mid-level *Qualitäts-wein bestimmter Anbaugebiete* (QbA) to *Qualitäts-wein mit Prädikat* (QmP).

The QmP wines, meaning "Special Quality Wine with Special Attributes", are in turn designated further depending on levels of ripeness from Kabinett (ordinary grapes), Spätlese (late picked), Auslese (selected bunches of "specially ripe" late harvested grapes), Beerenauslese (specially selected single grapes picked at their peak), and TBA's or Trockenbeerenauslese (only those grapes picked when infected by botrytis or the "noble rot"). Great bargains can be found

among Germany's Rieslings, but the latter three categories, as well as Eiswein (from grapes frozen on the vine) can produce some of the most expensive and greatest dessert wines in the world.

I found the '93s in general to be mostly good to excellent wines possessing wonderful ripe fruit with terrific acid balance. However, as is the case with California Cabernet Sauvignon from the '89 vintage, the '93 German wines must be mined carefully for the best quality.

Many of the better '93 wines are coming from the river region of Mosel-Saar-Ruwer south of Bonn; as well as from the Rheinhessen southeast of Frankfurt.

Here are some outstanding wines: Best Bargains — a Kabinett from the Rheinhessen, *Niersteiner Bildstock Georg Albrecht Schneider* displays beautiful peaches, peaches,

peaches, and it's only \$8!; a QbA from the Mosel, *Selbach-Oster Hochgewachs*, is a knockout with good citrus and a long finish, and it's only \$10.

Just the Best: A Beerenauslese from the Rheinhessen, *Dienheimer Tafelstein Bruder Dr. Becker*, shows buttery vanilla and orange-cream flavors. It's not cheap, \$49 (500ml).

Speaking of not cheap but great, is another Beerenauslese, this time from the Mosel, *Wehlener Sonnenuhr Studert-Prum Maximin*, which is viscous and deep in orange wasser (water) and honey flavors for \$87 (375ml!), the most expensive wine of the tasting.

Other outstanding selections: A Spätlese from the Mittelrhein near Koblenz, *Bacharach Hahn Toni Jost* (\$15), gorgeous pears and Mandarin orange; an Auslese from Mosel, *Erdener Treppchen*



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Meulenhof Erben Justus (\$17), bananas, pears, balance; another Beerenauslese from Mosel, *Urziger Grauburg* Peter Nicolay (\$127).

Finally, a "bargain" from the Rheinhessen, *Flonheimer Geisterberg* (\$375ml), tastes of creamy orange wasser vanilla and snow.

Alan Goldfarb writes on wine "Wine" for the 6200 Lu... with your comments and

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## Ex-senator supports park district

A check for \$10,000 was presented to East Bay Regional Park District directors last month by former state Senator John Nejedly to help fund camping programs for disabled children.

The gift represented part of the proceeds of a benefit dinner celebrating Nejedly's 80th birthday, which was held in October in Walnut Creek.

Nejedly has been a supporter of many years of camping programs for youngsters, especially those who are otherwise disadvantaged youth.

During 1993 he participated in a camping task force that investigated the potential for expanded camping opportunities in regional parks.

Acknowledging Nejedly's gift, directors reaffirmed the Park District's commitment to expand camping facilities. District Manager Pat O'Brien noted that the Park District offered a day camp program for 600 to 6,000 youngsters this summer, in partnership with YMCA.

The check will be deposited in the Regional Parks Foundation, earmarked for disabled camping programs.

The foundation is a private, nonprofit organization that raises funds in support of East Bay Regional Park District programs and facilities.



H.E. Davey Sensei, Sennin Foundation Director, helps Lin Campbell perform one of the stretching exercises featured in Japanese yoga.

## Sennin Foundation celebrates 13 years

EL CERRITO - The Sennin Foundation Center for Japanese Cultural Arts recently celebrated its 13th anniversary of doing business in the San Francisco Bay Area with a potluck party and a special series of well-attended workshops.

The workshops, for children and adults, were conducted by H.E. Davey Sensei, Sennin Foundation Director, and featured instruction in Japanese yoga, with optional training available in Japanese martial arts and Japanese healing arts.

The events took place at the group's East Bay dojo (training

hall), located at 10323 San Pablo Ave. in El Cerrito.

The Sennin Foundation, a well-established institution since 1981, offers classes in Shin-Shin-Toitsu-Do (Japanese yoga based on principles of mind and body unification). Separate and optional classes in Japanese fine arts, healing arts, and martial arts (specifically aikijujutsu) are also presented as a supplemental form of instruction.

The Sennin Foundation is affiliated with, and recognized by, several esteemed groups in Japan, including the Zaidan Hojin Tempu-

Kai and the Kokusai Budoin.

Its classes are available to adults of all ages and levels of health, that wish to receive hands-on training in classical Japanese arts that are capable of positively transforming the human mind and body.

Special classes combining Japanese yoga and traditional martial arts are offered for children aged five and above.

The Sennin Foundation Center for Japanese Cultural Arts can be reached at 526-7518 for more information about its various activities.

## Holiday shoppers urged to buy 'green'

Toss aside, then recycle, the usual gift list this holiday season and start a new tradition. The California Department of Conservation is urging shoppers to buy something "green" instead. That is, give a gift made from recycled materials. Holiday shoppers can finish off their gift list with items that are both unusual and help save our earth's resources.

Byrne, director, California Department of Conservation. "Each time you purchase a product made of recycled material, you're closing the loop on recycling. That's good for the environment, good for the economy and good for the gift recipients on your list."

A growing number of companies sell everyday products made with recycled materials through

## 'By changing our buying habits, we can provide a boost to the emerging recycled products industry'

—MICHAEL BYRNE, DIRECTOR, CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION

Paper goods aren't the only things made from recycled products. Shoes, clothes, serving trays, even computer mouse pads can be found that contain recycled tires, plastics or paper. If it's hard to forego that annual sweater, consumers can find them made from recycled plastic soda bottles. Waste material that would otherwise end up in the landfill are also used to make cotton socks and envelopes.

Californians are doing their part by recycling. As a matter of fact, more than eight out of ten beverage containers sold in this state are recycled, but collecting beverage containers is only half of the story.

"Remember to recycle where you live, work, play... and shop this holiday season," said Michael

catalogs and in retail stores. Consumers should examine labels, ask store owners, and check with manufacturers to be sure products are made with recycled materials.

"Closing the loop has to begin with each one of us," Byrne said. "By changing our buying habits, we can provide a boost to the emerging recycled products industry, as well as provide increased protection for the environment."

Headed by the State Conservation Director Michael Byrne, the Department of Conservation promotes beverage container recycling; studies earthquakes and landslides; regulates oil, gas and geothermal wells; safeguards farmland; and manages California's earth resources.

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Lap swim will be held Monday, Wednesday, and Friday 6-7:55 a.m.; Tuesday and Thursday 6-8:25 a.m.; Monday through Friday noon-1:55 p.m.; and Monday through Thursday 5:30-6:25 p.m. and 8:30-9:25 p.m. Saturday hours Dec. 24 and Dec. 31 are 10 a.m.-1:55 p.m.

The pool will be open on Sun-

day, Jan. 1, from 10 a.m.-1:55 p.m. for lap swim.

Recreational swim hours will be Friday 7:30-9:20 p.m.

Adult water fitness classes will also meet during the holidays. Calisthenics in the Water will meet Monday, Wednesday, and Friday 8-9 a.m. and 9-10 a.m. and Tuesday and Thursday 8:30-9:30 a.m. and Monday and Wednesday 6:30-7:30 p.m.

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Tuesday and Thursday 9:30-10:30 a.m. Deep Water Exercise will meet Tuesday and Thursday 9:30-10:30 a.m. and Monday and Wednesday 7:30-8:30 p.m. and Tuesday and Thursday 6:30-7:30 p.m. Water walking will be held Monday, Wednesday, and Friday 11-11:30 a.m.

Adult swimming classes will meet at the following times: Beginning swimming Monday, Wednesday, and Friday 10-11 a.m. and

Monday and Wednesday 7:30-8:30 p.m. Intermediate/Advanced swimming Monday, Wednesday, and Friday 9-10 a.m. and Monday and Wednesday 6:30-7:30 p.m.

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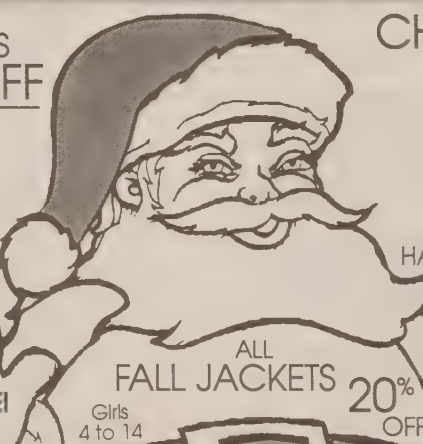
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## Where to borrow money to buy or refinance small apartments

Have you ever tried to finance a small apartment building loan? Years ago when I started arranging financing for income property, I found a very disturbing fact. Lenders like big numbers. The larger the loan amount, the more interested seemed the lender.

In fact, it seemed that the quality of the loan often seemed less important to the lender than the actual size. If your loan size was over \$1 million, they were interested. If the loan was over \$3 million, then they could be more interested. For the stratospheric loan amounts over \$10 million, it



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vative. They will want your property to be very high quality, your own financial strength and credit to be strong, and the loan to be less than 65 percent of value.

Savings and loans are often more lenient, but each one has slightly different criteria. One savings and loan offers very attractive rates, but is notoriously conservative when appraising your property. Consequently, the amount of your loan could be lower than you may desire. Some savings and loans like to refinance while others abhor the idea of cashing out investors. Supposedly, they believe you may take the money and run.

If your credit is not strong or your property suffers from substantial neglect, you may have to settle for a "lower" tier of loan programs. These programs offer higher interest rates to offset a higher than usual perceived risk.

Then apartment lenders "red-line," also. Your property may merit very good rates based on all criteria, but lie in what lenders perceive as an inferior area. Unlike lending on single-family housing, apartment lenders may use geographical criteria in deciding the worthiness of your apartment loan. If your loan request suffers from a lack of interest, you may be suffering from the use of this criteria.

Currently, there has never been a better time to refinance or buy apartment buildings. Rates are still near their historical lows. Lenders are anxious to lend. Cash flow is even available on some very fine properties in good areas.

*Richard Fishman is president of RAF Mortgage, which has been arranging apartment loans for buildings, large and small, since 1984.*

## Homeless seniors find help at St. Mary's

### Center welcomes cash donations or warm clothing

By Mary B. Moorhead

Amidst the hustle and bustle of arriving seniors and busy staff, Frank stands out. He smiles broadly, speaks a few phrases in Spanish and Tagalog and hands a rough draft of an article he's written to the director of the Homeless Senior Program at St. Mary's Community Center in Oakland.

His article is intended for a local newspaper. It requests donations for warm clothing and describes St. Mary's mission of "caring for others, especially those who might not be so fortunate as some."

St. Mary's Homeless Senior Program, one of four programs offered by St. Mary's Community Center, is provided for homeless and formerly homeless seniors. The center is a non-profit organization serving low-income multi-ethnic residents over 55 from North, West and Central Oakland.

Situated near the 880 freeway in West Oakland, the bus route and the Veterans Administration Building, it is a visible haven with a mission "to empower the seniors it serves."

Frank is one of the 250 clients who has been helped by the Senior Homeless Program and who now volunteers there. Program Director Susan Werner and Carol Johnson, a case manager, describe the process



Preparing decorations for the Christmas tree at St. Mary's Community Center.

of assisting and rehabilitating homeless seniors.

"The first priority is finding them a home," says Werner. "Next, there is assistance with health care, financial supervision, emergency food and clothing and ongoing transportation to medical appointments. There are drug and alcohol abuse treatment groups, designed especially for homeless seniors with addiction problems.

"As their lives become stabilized,

seniors are then trained in volunteer work such as community outreach or assisting in the Drop-In Center."

Werner says seniors lose their homes for many reasons — the earthquake five years ago, inability to provide home upkeep, or chronic drug abuse or mental illness.

She spoke of an ongoing four-year relationship with Beth, a client who has been afflicted with schizophrenia, alcoholism and a variety of lifelong physical ailments. Beth formerly lived in a single-room occupancy hotel to which she was afraid to return because of the con-

stant drug activity.

St. Mary's founder helped her stop drinking, her financial support, her shopping purchases, panicked her to AA meetings, are now seeking a doctor, mental illness. It is hard to start assisting at the center, thus establishing a productive life.

Werner, a self-described "caterer for the poor," describes county services for the homeless. Changes in the county's See SENIORS

## The answer lies in the local lending market.

seemed you could feel the lenders' excitement level soar. Offers to drive by the property, meet the owner, take an application all seemed to be generated by a very affable loan officer.

Unfortunately, most of the apartment loans that investors want are less than \$1 million. While these loans make up the majority of the business, many types of apartment lenders are simply not interested. Strike off almost all insurance companies, mortgage bankers, the large banks, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (FHA), and even Wall Street.

Who will lend you the money you need to buy or refinance an apartment loan of less than \$1 million? The answer lies in the local lending market.

Certain banks, savings and loans, mortgage companies, and private lenders are constantly going into and out of the apartment lending market. Each year they make available a certain budget for apartment lending. When that quota is fulfilled they often step out of the market until the next year. It is sometimes bewildering to understand who has the funds and the desire to lend.

Then there is also a wide variety of loans and lending criteria among lenders. Local banks, for example, tend to be fairly conser-

## Realtors install new president

Eugene Bergman will be installed tonight as the 1995 president of the Berkeley Association of Realtors (BAR).

The ceremony will take place during BAR's 93rd Inaugural and Holiday Dinner-Dance at the Claremont Hotel. Michael Byrne will be in-

stalled as 1995 President-Elect and Don Clark will be named Secretary/Treasurer for the coming year.

Awards will also be presented for the 1994 Realtor of the Year, Associate of the Year, and Affiliate of the Year.



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## Seniors



Counselor Carol Johnson talks with 65-year-old Robert Franklin.

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system have resulted in many mentally ill living in a community where there are inadequate housing and treatment services for them.

Clients receiving government-sponsored medical care can't find a psychiatrist because the reimbursement rate is so low. The county doesn't have enough staff to provide "conservatorship services" to those adults who cannot take care of themselves.

As a result of these untreated problems, many seniors are simply left to wander the streets.

Even for seniors with homes, life can sometimes be difficult. A Senior Needs Assessment prepared by the Alameda County Agency on Aging in 1990 estimates the number of county seniors over 55 to be 230,000. Of these, 45.7 percent of singles and 32.5 percent of couples live at or below the poverty line. Many are frail, ill and isolated.

St. Mary's assists 1,400 of these

seniors, and consequently enables many of them to remain in their homes. Eleanor Shephardson, St. Mary's Executive Director, oversees the Senior Outreach and Advocacy Program, which is parent to the homeless program. That outreach includes providing groceries, transportation to medical care, nutritional counseling, and companionship. There's even a translation service for members of the Chinese and Philippino communities.

Seniors like Frank and Beth feel fortunate that St. Mary's has intervened in their lives. All of us can be thankful for the creative and effective efforts of this program.

St. Mary's welcomes volunteers for these programs and its additional community services. The number to call is 893-4723.

P.S. As a Christmas present, St. Mary's would love a van.

Mary B. Moorhead is an Elder Care Specialist. She can be reached at 525-4341.

## Events

Holiday attractions at Oakland's **Camron-Stanford House**, 1418 Lakeside Dr., include a 12-foot tree decorated with handmade and heirloom ornaments and a Victorian gift shop. Open Wednesdays 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. and Sundays, 1 - 5 p.m., through Dec. 31. \$2. Call 836-1976.

The **Berkeley Artisans Holiday Open Studios** continue Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 17 & 18, 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. In all, 24 studios will be open featuring clothing, jewelry, ceramics, stained glasswork, and lots of holiday gifts ideas. Call 845-2612 to find out where to pick up a tour map.

The Building Education Center, 812 Page St., Berkeley, presents **Drywall and Taping Hands-on Workshop**, Saturday, Dec. 17, 9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. \$90. For reservations or a complete schedule of upcoming classes, call 525-7610.

Starting in January: **Classes on the Mac** at St. Paul's Community Program, 116 Montecito Ave., near Lake Merritt in Oakland, include Mac Basics, WordPerfect, Clarisworks, Educational Software for Children, Microsoft Word, Microsoft Excel, Pagemaker, Filemaker Pro, Internet, ShareWare and Freeware, Excel, Microsoft Office, Quicken and Quark Xpress. Cost \$25 - \$70. Call for schedule, 465-2025.

The Building Education Center, 812 Page St., Berkeley, hosts a free open house on **How to Save Money When Building or Remodeling Your Home** on Wednesday, Jan. 18, 7 - 9 p.m. Call 525-7610 for information.

The Building Education Center, 812 Page St., Berkeley holds three class on Saturday, Jan. 21. **Owner Contracting: Project Management**, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m., \$75; **Earthquake Retrofitting**, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m., \$75; and **Hands-On Electrical Workshop**, 9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., Sat. & Sun., \$180. Call 525-7610.

For inclusion in Events, send information to **Maggie Sharpe, Real Estate, Hills Newspapers, 5707 Redwood Rd., Oakland, 94619. Phone: 339-4047; FAX: 339-4066. Information must be received one week prior to publication.**

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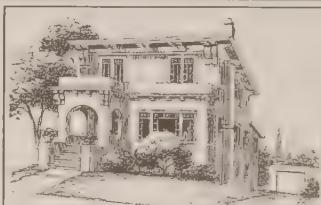
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Montclair. Walk to school, shops & transportation! 3BD, 2BA plus sep. 1BD, 1BA living suite. **Dell M. Orr**
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## Last chance

This is the last weekend to catch the Berkeley Artisans 1994 Holiday Open Studios, a self-guided tour of 20 studio buildings throughout South and West Berkeley. The handcrafted works, many of which would make wonderful holiday gifts, include functional and decorative ceramics, art furniture, blown glass, sculpture, dolls, jewelry, textiles, paintings, original prints and limited edition artists' books. Admission to the studios is free. The Artisans Map is available at 1250 Addison St., #214, Berkeley, and at other distribution points (call 845-2612 for information).

# Buying home gives worriers lots of practice

Number 80 in a series of true experiences in real estate.

From the start, some buyers are excited and bubbly. They can hardly wait to get out there and find what will become home. Other people are more serious. They look at buying as a project.

Either way, buyers worry. Practiced worriers find more than enough to keep them engaged. But those who are usually cheerful, carefree types worry too. Because the buying of a house is big.

Buying a house means being responsible—both for money and for choosing where to live. Most people worry about these things. They know they can't fluff off this one. The house they choose and how much they spend to buy it will shape a lot of their lives for some time. They know they can't buy and then easily "un-buy" if they change their minds.

The money part of buying has many sub-parts, some of which are apparent: What is affordable? What can I buy, make the payments on—and still have money for food (and maybe even a vacation)? There are the less obvious parts: Should I lock in my loan? Will prices hold or will I pay too much if I buy now?

Selecting can be difficult, too. Almost every buyer is disappointed by what he can buy. It

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doesn't seem to matter whether he is looking for a \$200,000 house or one for \$800,000, the houses he can afford are too small or too needy, they have no yard or view or privacy—or something.

Because of this, almost everyone reaches for the highest possible price. Everyone wants to get the best they can. As the price goes up, money worries get bigger and are easily extended to repairs and to wishes. How long do roofs last? When my roof leaks, where will I get the money to fix it? If we redo the kitchen counter tops and buy a new dishwasher, how much will it cost?

For many first-time buyers, there are parents to worry about, especially when they have loaned or given money to their kids so they can buy. Getting parents who live in the area where \$75,000 buys four bedrooms and acreage to believe California prices can be a trick. And buyers often feel the need to impress their parents with their good taste and business acumen.

Every buyer wants to make a

smart investment, to buy in a neighborhood that other people find appealing, a place that is safe to come home to at night, where walking in the evening is pleasant. Everyone worries about quiet and good neighbors. In other words, buyers hope that the house they buy will be a good place to live and will also be worth more when they want to sell.

Sooner or later, looking at houses results in concentrating on a particular one. "I may not buy it," thinks the buyer, "but this one is worth looking at more closely." Now generic worries become case-specific. "Does the sun hit the kitchen in the morning? Is the room off the bedroom cold in winter? Is the foundation strong? What about the water pressure in this house?"

"How much—altogether—will it cost in down payment and closing costs? How much every month to live here—including the utilities and insurance? What will my parents think about this house?"

We've known a couple of people who became so paralyzed by their fears once they were concentrating on a specific house, so frightened that they wouldn't be able to make it all come out right, that they stopped dead. Even though they thought that buying a house was what they wanted very much, and even though this particular house fits most of their



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dreams, they did not buy because they couldn't.

Well, now that we've worried, what should you be doing? You're going to be paralyzed by not. But what if you don't? Then you won't buy a house.

If you want a house, own, if you have enough money, chances are good that you will get it. You'll get your buying worries and enjoy the relief. "At least it's done, wrong, I bought it."

The house you buy will be perfect, but you'll make mistakes. You'll repair the power window. You'll build bookshelves or get rid of your books. You'll learn to cook on an electric stove or you'll manage to get a refrigerator. You will do what you're thinking homeowner. You will find your favorite place to be glad.

You will go out and buy a rack for your pots and pans. You'll start cooking. Your kitchen will be crowded. Your friends are standing around, talking, which will be cozy and good.

Pat Talbert and Anne are licensed agents and real estate consultants. To schedule a consultation or to add your name to the mailing list, call Tarloff & Taylor, Ltd., at 653-2050.

## Fair pricing from get-go is key to quick sale

By H.W. Moss

Placing the correct price on a piece of property is one of the first and, some would say, most important aspects of a real estate transaction.

The old adage is: Price is everything.

But finding the right price is a moving target at best. This is true no matter what condition you find the current real estate market in: whether it's headed up, down or lying flat.

That's because market value is subjective. It is difficult to get a handle on value even when you hire an expert such as an independent fee appraiser.

As a result, a major problem facing almost every real estate sales professional attempting to list a property is that they are in a struggle with the property owner whom they are supposed to represent.

The conflict arises from attempting to determine the correct price at which to place a property on the market.

Although they have the option of not accepting an offer, even one that is for all cash at full price, owners do not want to offer their

holdings for sale at too low a price. Sellers often pressure agents to list a higher price than a market study initially suggests.

The listing agent, on the other hand, is interested in a reasonably fast transaction. Nothing chills the interest of prospective buyers more than finding exactly the property they want only to discover it is excessively overpriced.

Experienced real estate professionals know a property can languish for months, will eventually go stale, while this realization slowly settles in on the seller's consciousness.

Locating comparable property and generating a written analysis, known in real estate parlance as a Comparable Market Analysis or CMA, is the most common method a real estate professional employs in ascertaining that correct but elusive listing price.

However, a CMA has its pitfalls, according to author/lecturer Ray Brown.

Brown recently offered his views on pricing property to sell to members of the San Francisco Association of Realtors. The association sponsors Department of Real Estate approved continuing education courses and Brown was

the instructor.

For one thing, sellers do not take into account the other side of the deal, how buyers approach their search for the correct property, Brown observed.

Buyers set price limits, which Brown calls "quantums," to narrow their search. Sellers must learn to bracket their property within these buying price limits.

Brown began by asking for a show of hands in answer to a question. The response demonstrated that almost everyone of the several hundred in the room believes we are currently in a buyer's market.

Obviously, sellers and their agents must think in terms of how a buyer analyzes property if they expect to make a sale.

Using his strategy of bracketing quantums and fine-tuning the price, Brown said listing agents can create a seller's market in the midst of a buyer's market.

Which, I'd say, takes genius.

All too often real estate professionals rely solely on information gleaned from their local on-line multiple listing and sales service to find the fair market value for their customer.

While not suggesting this is a bad method of developing a CMA, Brown did point out that is usually not enough.

"No two homes are identical after they've been lived in," Brown said. "Eyeballing is the best way to be certain other properties are truly comparable to the subject property."

He also said that only actual sales within the last six months, not current unsold inventory, may be considered in a CMA.

Brown also believes that appraisers "adjust" upward or downward for differences in amenities and improvements to property. So should the listing agent.

But the worst method of pricing property, according to Brown, is what he calls Four-Phase Pricing. That's when a property starts out absurdly overpriced, drifts into grossly overpriced, then drops to a price where there is still room to

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**WONDERFUL BAY VIEW**.....\$395,000  
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Four year old custom home with privacy & bay views. 3BD/2+BA, exquisite master suite, prime location. Nancy Donnelly

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Impeccably maintained with charming decor, 4BD/2BA, family room, cul-de-sac, huge deck, landscaped. Charlene Claybaugh

**CROCKER HIGHLANDS TUDOR**.....\$360,000  
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**BAY & CANYON VIEWS - MONTECLAIR**.....\$359,000  
Piedmont side of Montclair! Level-in, fabulous outside area for entertaining, garden view dining, 4BD/2BA. Nancy Donnelly

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## People

## Joachim named director of NAREA

Harry B. Joachim has been chosen as the Managing Director of the National Association of Real Estate Appraisers (NAREA). The 3,400-member organization is based in Scottsdale, Ariz.

Joachim is a graduate of the University of Mississippi and has practiced real estate and appraisal for a number of years. Previously, he served as Executive Director and Director of Governmental Affairs for the National Association of Master Appraisers.

"We are delighted to have someone of Mr. Joachim's calibre on our staff," said Robert Johnson, Director of NAREA. "He will bring a great deal of energy and expertise to our association."

Joachim has earned national recognition as an educator, having taught thousands of practitioners in over 3,000 hours of formal instruction. Joachim has authored hundreds of articles on real estate, appraisal and government, and has written or contributed to almost a dozen texts.

Joachim has earned credentials in several specialties of real estate and appraisal, including real estate counseling, review appraisal and environmental assessment. He has received numerous awards for his contributions to the profession, including being named Realtor of the Year by the Biloxi-Ocean Springs (Miss.) Board of Realtors in 1988.

## Buy American: invest in global economy

You see it everywhere on bumper stickers: "Buy American!"

Many investment experts who echo this sentiment currently are cautious about recommending foreign issues because of several inherent risks in doing so. A number of foreign economies are still in shaky condition, the drive to European unification has slowed considerably, and foreign markets are governed by forces that sometimes are difficult to comprehend by investors in this country.

Still, individual investors who want to participate in the global economy have an opportunity to do so without ever investing in a foreign-based company. How? By considering American companies which conduct business in one or

more foreign markets.

In today's shrinking world, more people around the globe are using the same household products, drinking the same soft drinks, and driving the same cars. Finding new geographic markets has been the route of choice for many U.S. companies that manufacture these and other consumer products.

For many years, aggressive American companies like Gillette, General Motors, Caterpillar, Bristol-Myers, Pfizer, McDonald's and others have spread their wings in Europe, Asia, and elsewhere on the world scene.

In fact, Gillette, which has been in Europe since 1908, employs more people in West Germany than in the U.S., and Caterpillar is the largest construction machinery company in Europe, according to a recent Business Week Assets story.

It's no wonder that American companies like these have put down European roots. In the 1990s, experts predict, the European Community with a population of 325 million is expected to grow faster in overall gross national product and consumer spending than the U.S., notes the same Business Week Assets story.

In their quest to select these "global Americans," investors would be wise to consider several

factors, including: the size of European earnings as a percentage of overall income; weaknesses in other sectors that could offset European gains; at what point the European operations will pay off; and the price in relation to current earnings.

In addition, investors should know that there are special risks associated with foreign investing,

... consider American companies which conduct business in one or more foreign markets.

including foreign currency exchange rate fluctuations and other economic, political and social risks.

There are additional factors which U.S. investors with an eye overseas must keep in mind. One is the American dollar.

For example, when profits from European investments are translated into dollars on the profit-and-loss statement, the dollar may be worth more or less than it is



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today. Thus, if the dollar rises against European currencies, profits brought home will be lower.

Many financial advisors suggest that investors looking abroad should focus on American companies that currently are profitable and have major potential for growth.

In the recent past, many of these companies were sprinkled throughout the heavy machinery, household products, computer software and processed food industries.

Numerous American firms, like these, have a firm foothold in expanding overseas markets. If you want to know more about these companies in order to "buy American" and invest in the global economy, your financial advisor is prepared to help you make informed choices.

Leila Gough is a financial advisor with Prudential Securities in Oakland. She can be reached at 446-1999.

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Coldwell Banker offices will serve as official collection centers from now through Dec. 20 and will be sponsoring various activities around the toy drive.

The public is encouraged to participate and can bring in their new, unwrapped toys to Coldwell Banker offices in the greater Bay Area and Sacramento.

"Every child should experience a happy holiday season," says Larry Knapp, president of Coldwell Banker Northern California.

"With the community's help, we'll be able to provide the needy children of our community with a memorable holiday experience."

Coldwell Banker has been participating in the worthwhile drive for nearly 10 years.

Founded in 1947, Toys for Tots has evolved from a small Los Angeles-area project to a nationwide campaign.

The U.S. Marine Corps Reserve distributes the toys to local charitable organizations.

Local Coldwell Banker Toys for Tots collection centers are located at: 6137 La Salle Ave., Montclair, and 1495 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley.

## Moss

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negotiate. Only after the price falls to the level of "let's sell it" will realistic offers arrive.

The worst part about Four-Phase Pricing is that at the break between each phase the seller usually changes Realtors.

Brown advises listing agents to convince their sellers to start at the base price or Phase Four. Of course, that's one of the most difficult tasks facing the listing agent, for reasons mentioned above.

Which is why Brown said the best sales people he's ever seen are essentially good story-tellers able to explain pricing strategies well.

H.W. Moss is a Realtor and freelance writer.

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# JT Ward's historical links to Bullwinkle

JT Ward Realtors is located in the center of Berkeley's Claremont district and has long been associated with the sale of beautiful homes in Berkeley and surrounding areas.

A recent survey revealed that nearly half of the larger Claremont homes sold in the last two years were either sold or listed with JT Ward.

In an industry particularly vulnerable to economic fluctuation, JT Ward's endurance and success are in large measure due to a dedicated sales staff, many of whom have long-term community connections in Claremont, the Elmhurst and the Rockridge districts.

Currently, there are 12 full-time sales agents, three secretaries, an office manager and three notary publics.

## Origins

Early in July 1947, Jay Ward, raised in Berkeley and recently graduated from UC and Harvard Business School, opened his own real estate business in a converted garage within a block of its present location at Tunnel Road and Domingo.

In his first sale, Ward learned an important principle of salesmanship when he tried to persuade a client to buy one home rather than another.

His client sat him down and admonished him to "sell them what they want, not what you want."

Realtors at JT Ward have fol-

lowed this advice for 47 years and will continue to help buyers and sellers "get what they want."

Jay Ward also turned a hobby into a very successful animated cartoon series featuring such well-known characters as Crusader Rabbit, Bullwinkle Moose and Rocky the Flying Squirrel.

When he went into full-time production in Hollywood, he had resident managers in his Berkeley real estate office.

The most recent manager was Julie Lehman.

## New ownership

Lehman, a graduate of UC-Berkeley and the mother of two sons, began her career at JT Ward in 1975.

She became a broker in 1978 and was appointed resident manager in 1981. Lehman went on to purchase the company from Jay Ward in 1987.

## Community commitment

The day after the hills fire in 1991, the Ward office opened a full-time rental department staffed by Ward agents and volunteer members of the community to try to help fire victims relocate.

The company has always been supportive of the community by contributing to the Berkeley Public Schools Foundation, Emerson School Playground Development, Berkeley Repertory Theatre, Berkeley Symphony, Berkeley Architectural Heritage Association and the University of California Art Museum.



JT Ward's owner Julie Lehman with friends Rocky the Flying Squirrel and Bullwinkle Moose, the creations of Jay Ward.

# Power of attorney: a wise plan for anyone

By Rebecca Conradi

How would you like to have a fire extinguisher that worked — until there was a fire? Or an air conditioner that cooled your home — except in hot weather?

These analogies came to mind as I met with a client to review the power of attorney which her brother had signed before he had a disabling stroke. Due to his prior medical history, they had correctly anticipated that she might have to step in to handle his financial affairs.

What they hadn't realized was that her authority as his agent under the pre-printed form power of attorney would vanish when he became incapacitated.

Like my hypothetical fire extinguisher or air conditioner, the power of attorney became totally useless just when it was needed most. My client had to commence a time-consuming and expensive conservatorship proceeding in order to take over her brother's financial affairs.

Could this result have been avoided? Easily — if the power of

attorney had been "durable" under California law. A durable power of attorney is one which explicitly states that it will not be affected by the maker's subsequent incapacity.

If a power of attorney does not contain this language, it is "non-durable" and will terminate on the maker's incapacity. The theory underlying this general rule of nondurability is that a person who lacks legal capacity cannot at the same time be the source of authority for another's actions on his behalf.

As my client learned the hard way, it's a good idea to know a little about powers of attorney: What they are, and who needs one?

A power of attorney is a written instrument appointing someone to take actions and make decisions for you when you cannot, either because you're unavailable or incapable. You, as the principal, authorize the agent (also called your attorney-in-fact) to act for you under specified terms and conditions.

Powers of attorney come in

many varieties. The differences relate to the subject matter of the power, and time during which it can be exercised.

One kind of power of attorney is concerned with health care. If you've been admitted to a hospital recently, you were probably required to complete a durable power of attorney for health care ("Medical DPA") naming an agent to make health decisions and authorize treatment for you in the event you became unable to do so for yourself. Your agent under a Medical DPA is required to act in accordance with your known desires concerning various forms of treatment, which can be expressed in the Medical DPA.

Assets and finances are the subject of another kind of power of attorney. (We'll refer to these as "Financial DPAs.") A very broad Financial DPA may authorize your agent to do any and everything that you personally could do regarding your assets and finances, such as buying and selling, leasing, managing investments, obtaining loans, accessing bank accounts, making gifts and so forth.

Alternatively, a Financial DPA may be much more limited in scope. It may specifically prohibit certain actions, or it may be restricted to a single piece of property, for purposes such as closing a sale or signing loan documents.

The other distinguishing feature of any power of attorney is the time period during which it is to be effective. Does it go into effect immediately, or only upon the occurrence of a certain event, such as the principal's incapacity? Does it terminate on a specified date, or will it remain in effect until revoked? Will the principal's incapacity cause it to terminate, or will it be unaffected? (This is the "durability" feature discussed above.) Ideally, the power of attorney will be in effect when it is needed, but not available for abuse when it isn't.

Who needs a power of attorney? While we can often plan around periods of unavailability due to travel or business, it's hard to predict when an incapacitating illness or injury may occur. For

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## Q & A

**Q:** We have our home listed with an agent who was highly recommended. Last Sunday, at our open house, she met some buyers who think that they want to buy our house. She says she can represent them as well as us. My question is: what about this business of 'dual agency'? My husband says that it isn't a good idea to have the same agent representing both us and the buyer, because her loyalty could become divided. I like the agent and the woman who recommended her says she was a pleasure to work with, although in that sale she only represented my friend, the seller. What do you think?

**A:** Well, you have come to the right place for a whopping "no" vote on dual agency!

Although most transactions go smoothly, closing without lawsuits or bad feelings, often problems arise. It's at such times that you need to feel your agent is firmly on your side, ready with advice and explanations.

And it isn't only the outcome of the sale that really counts; it's the process as well. Buying or selling a home can be hazardous to your mental health — it's a stressful undertaking, a lot like waiting for your first child to be born. Everything you do while the months slowly pass has some effect on the outcome.

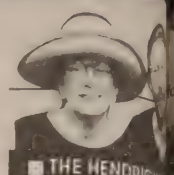
Similarly, when buying a home, you do everything you can to get ready for the marketing and sale. But lots of what transpires is out of your hands. You may follow all of the rules but have a buyer (or seller) who bends them, if just enough to make you feel a bit crazed.

When you are disappointed or frustrated by your buyer's or seller's actions, you need the sympathy and the strategy of an agent who has your best interests at heart.

The friendliest contracts can go off track over the silliest things. Anything from whether the curtains are left, to whether the dishwasher cleans well enough to satisfy the buyers, to more serious and costly situations.

A common example is when your buyers discover, through inspections, that there is asbestos all over your home, not only surrounding the furnace ducts but in the air. They insist that it be removed before the close of escrow because they don't want their family subjected to any, even short-term, exposure. You are made to feel somewhat inadequate, having subjected your family to asbestos for many years. This is when you need your own agent to help work things out.

Or take the situation where you have a contract to sell your home subject to your finding a replacement home within a certain number of days. If you and your buyer



are represented by a dual agent, it may seem that things move more smoothly, with fewer meetings, phone calls, and faxes.

But what happens when the sellers can't find the buyer they like and the buyer can't find the home they want? Then where does the agent's loyalty lie?

And, of course, there's the problem of the seller's 'damages' and the buyer's 'damages' if the transaction falls through. The seller fix the problem or pay for it.

Your buyers feel just asking for the money because the experts have told them that the work must be done. A compromise for the seller's liability is often the result of a decision made by the buyers and what to return, if anything, must be fully thought out so that the sellers are comfortable with the decision.

Buyers want to pay a fair amount of money for the home they are purchasing and the sellers to repair as much as possible, at their cost.

Sellers, on the other hand, want to net the highest profit from the sale of their home, leaving the buyers to upgrade at their expense after the close of escrow.

Even the most skilled agent cannot serve two masters. Skill and service is what our buyers and sellers

On another tangent, people believe that having a different agent from the company breaks the 'dual agency' rule.

But one must remember the legal relationship of a broker, i.e., the company whom the agent is affiliated with, and the actual person who contracts and advises clients.

So, while it may seem that an agent is representing both parties only, that is not the case. The relationship is between the agent and the client, not between the agent and the company.

This is a hot topic and agent and clients to seek stories both pro and con agency.

Barbara and Dennis Hendrickson are partners in the company. Questions call Hills Real Estate, 5707 Rockwood, Oakland 94619, or call 540-6000; fax: 548-6000.

# Oakland introduces payment by credit card

The City of Oakland Office of Planning and Building (OP&B) has announced that Visa and MasterCard credit cards are now accepted for all payment transactions.

"This is just one more step in our continuing efforts to provide our customers fast and efficient service," said Teri Robinson, OP&B's administrative services manager.

By the end of the year, the Office of Planning and Building will have issued approximately 6,000 building permits (new construction and alterations) and an additional 12,000 permits for plumbing, mechanical, electrical, zoning, and engineering permits; with an estimated total value of \$7.8 million.

The department also expects to institute a "Permits By Fax" ven-

ture in mid-summer 1995, doing what we can to speed operations into the 21st century," Robinson added. "While at the time offering old-fashioned teletype and personal service clientele."

In December, the Office of Planning and Building will consolidate its operations into three floors of 1330 Broadway.

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# Create your own 'theme' tree

Tired of the discount-store look for your Christmas tree? Oakland designer Ted Dawson, says to toss out those old mother-of-plastic decorations and think creatively.

"A Christmas tree can be a warm, engaging reflection of you and your family," says Dawson, owner of Theodore William, Ltd., a design and creation business, who includes professional tree-trimming among his bag of goodies.

Dawson says the clever use of family personal items combined with decoration make a Christmas tree a real statement. He suggests looking around the house for those charming little items that really relate to you and attaching them to the tree along with the usual lights and tinsel.

"If you play cards, hang some cards on the tree," suggests Oakland native Dawson. "Or if you like trains, tie a few toy trains to the tree. Add decorations that are really personal and you and your friends will really love the tree."

Any "theme" tree can be fun, observes Dawson, who cites

moon-and-stars trees and even movie trees, that use film as a decoration, as some typical examples.

Another tip from Dawson is to use bloused-up fabric, such as red taffeta, to fill in the tree, especially a traditionally-decorated tree. Put lights toward the inside as well as the outside for a fuller look. Using scatter-flake snow (actually shredded plastic) gives an appropriately wintry look to the tree with much more eye appeal than the typical sprayed-on flocking.

Using copper ribbon adds lustrous light and movement to a Christmas tree, says Dawson. For an added dimension, add a pot of potpourri behind the tree to provide a wonderful fragrance. Dawson suggests animated bears and elves for a lively show beneath the tree, but notes that baskets abundantly filled with anything you like are another alternative.

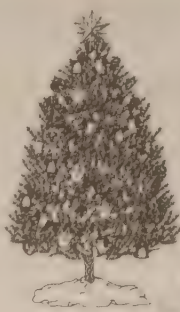
What kind of tree is best? Dawson likes silver-tip firs.

"Their needles go up, so orna-

ments and lights hang much better from them," he says.

Beyond his tree-trimming and home decoration service, Dawson also has ornaments, animated elves and bears, copper ribbon, scatterflake snow, floral arrangements and gourmet gift baskets on sale.

Theodore William, Ltd., is a new floral design and display service available to individuals and businesses. For more information, call 531-0247.



## Power

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this reason, appropriate powers of attorney for financial management and health care make sense for just about everyone.

Even if you have established a living trust and transferred most of your assets to it, a Financial DPA is still a good idea. Your successor trustee should need no further authorization to take over the management of trust assets, but what if all of your assets haven't yet been transferred? A Financial DPA authorizing transfers to your living trust can allow your agent to complete your efforts to avoid probate.

To serve its purpose, a power of attorney must be in a form acceptable to the third parties who will be asked to honor it. Banks, brokers, and title companies are increasingly cautious about honoring powers of attorney due to the potential for fraud. Notarization will generally be required, particularly if the power is to be used in connection with a real estate transaction.

Your choice of agent must be carefully considered, and the scope and duration of his or her powers appropriately limited. Unlike conservatorships, powers of attorney are generally not subject to court supervision. Though your agent will be legally obligated to act in your best interests, there may not be anyone able or willing to blow the whistle if the power is abused.

In the right hands, appropriate medical and financial powers of attorney can be extremely useful tools in dealing with incapacity due to age, illness or injury. They should be a part of everyone's estate plan.

(This column is intended to provide general information only, and should not be taken as specific legal advice. Please consult with an attorney if you have questions about your particular situation.)

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## Builders take note

The Building Education Center, a non-profit educational organization, has scores of classes scheduled for the new year for those eager to improve their homes by doing it themselves. Starting on Wednesday, Jan. 18, 7-9 p.m., a free open house will focus on "How To Save Money When Building or Remodeling Your Home." Other scheduled classes for 1995 include "Owner Contracting: Project Management," the ever-popular "Earthquake Retrofitting," and, for those who'd like to know more than how to change a light bulb, a "Hands-On Electrical Workshop." To find out about these and other classes, call 525-7610. The Center is located at 812 Page St., Berkeley.

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move-in condition. \$20K reduction. Best buy! Mane Kenaga 339-1774 MLS 033283

**376 ORANGE #4.** NEW LISTING! Unique Spanish townhome. 2 bedroom + office. ....\$169,000  
& sunroom. Updated kitchen, formal dining room. Fantastic unit! Dick or Sandi 339-1117

**SHOWN BY APPOINTMENT**

**SPECIAL "VILLA" ON HUGE LOT.** Elegant features in this 4BD Medit. home. Fab. ....\$995,000  
mstr site, gourmet kitchen w/ island, library, fam rm. Sandi Klemmer 654-4804 MLS 033580

**NEW CONSTRUCTION.** Seller may carry a 15% 2nd! Atrium ent., 3 bedroom. ....\$449,000  
2.5 bath. Kitchen/fam room combo. Reduced \$50K. Dick Cohen 339-1117 MLS 030096

**GET AWAY FROM IT ALL** without leaving home. 3 bedroom custom home on .....\$435,000  
3/4+ acre lot. Abundance of privacy. Near everything. Nancy Novick 482-2392 MLS 034558

**SUNNY BAY VIEW HOME!** Single level, 2 bedroom, 2 bath, around spacious .....\$246,500  
deck. Quiet & private. Seller may finance. Stan Hammond 839-5846 MLS 035425

**NEW CONSTRUCTION!** Excellent value. Gourmet kitchen hardwood floors, sky .....\$219,000  
light, creek-side setting, 2 bedroom, 2 bath. Fire sprinklers. Dick Cohen 339-1117 MLS 035378

**GREAT PRICE REDUCTION!** Tastefully remodeled. 2BD/1BA craftsman, hard .....\$188,500  
wood floors, sep. laundry w/ storage, lvl backyard. Marianne Jamison 655-9615 MLS 035168

**VALUE + LOCATION.** Best buy in area. Cozy 2 bedroom cottage on a very .....\$175,000  
private lot. Very big eat-in kitchen. Sandi or Dick 339-1117 MLS 035131

**WHAT'S ON YOUR WISH LIST?** Beam ceilings! Inlaid hwd floors? Spacious .....\$174,000  
rooms? Spanish style? It's all here! Joy Bryden 531-7000 MLS 033689

**MAXWELL PARK CHARMER.** Cute bungalow with some bayview. 2 bedroom, .....\$162,000  
1 bath, sun porch, FDR, eat-in kitchen, yard, patio. Sandi Klemmer 654-4804 MLS 035238

**WHY RENT?** 2 bedroom home with new carpet throughout. SMC new 1st loan or .....\$134,950  
by 5% down conv. Walk to Lake Merritt. Cheryl Gabriel 531-7000 MLS 034971

**CONDOMINIUMS**

**EXCEPTIONAL VALUE!** Very large 1 bedroom, 2 bath unit in newer building. ....\$122,900  
Great floor plan, fireplace, secured parking. Nancy Novick 482-2392 MLS 031677

**A GREAT VALUE!** Lovely building-strong management - high owner occupancy. ....\$65,000  
Immaculate unit. Laundry & pool. Cheryl Gabriel 531-7000 MLS 034527

**LOTS & ACREAGE**

**3 LOTS-ONE PRICE!** Investors, creative owner builders ask about 6900 Thorndale. ....\$125,000  
3 lot set with fine bay view. Peter Nicolopoulos 339-9780 MLS 034021

**DOWNSLOPE BLDG. PKG.** Nice bay view, soils report, utilities at street. ....\$90,000  
plans. Elverson Dr. near quality new construction. Peter Nicolopoulos 339-9780 MLS 032801

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# Garden books store wealth of information

By Brian Gardner

"Great Gardens" and "Garden Design Ideas," softcover, 96 pages, 117 photographs and 16 drawings each. Available from the Taunton Press, 63 South Main St., P.O. Box 5506, Newton, CT 06470-5506. Call their toll-free number, (800) 888-8286, for ordering information.

Several books from the Taunton Press have been reviewed in this column. It's more than likely that there will be others as this publisher gains more ground in what appears to be an expanding market for home improvement books and videos.

The two books chosen to be reviewed this time have placed Taunton in direct competition with other established publishers of such softcover "theme" books.

The requirements for this niche are that the book must cover one topic of general interest to homeowners, offer a wealth of information and feature great quality color photographs, easy to understand color diagrams, and text useful to both the novice and seasoned home "fixer-upper."

Other publishers, such as Sunset Publications, have been able



Garden Design Ideas is informational and nice for the coffee table too.

to set an industry standard with their line of home repair and gardening books. Like the quality reputation that typifies some automobile nameplates, whenever consumers needed information on a project around the home, they knew they could count on one of the many Sunset books.

If the quality represented by Taunton's "Best of Fine Gardening" series is any indication of how they intend to present their publications to the public, con-

sumers have another fine source for such information.

In *Great Gardens*, one finds 18 of the best gardens which were profiled in *Fine Gardening* magazine during its first five years of publication.

The photos inside are every bit as striking as the cover shot by Nancy Beaubaire. The same is true for the diagrams which are well drawn and colorized which aids in their usefulness to the reader.

The color photographs and diagrams being well executed and artistically colored make the books enjoyable to look through a first or second time. But if you plan to purchase one of these books, you probably will be more interested in how informative and understandable the text is.

Here, Taunton scores high marks. Each article opens with an interesting tale of how the particular garden being covered got its start. From this point the writing gets more specific, but thankfully not more complex before ending with a wise suggestion or two.

The same is true of *Garden Design Ideas*, only in this book expect to discover 20 of the best garden-design articles from *Fine Gardening* magazine.



News & Reviews  
BRIAN GARDNER

Everything from the principles of design to ideas for small side yards are covered in the same thorough manner as in *Great Gardens*. The same basic format is also used in *Garden Design Ideas*, which means this book is also laden with beautiful photographs, handsome diagrams and useful charts and text.

It has been said that if one could design a better mousetrap, the world would beat a path of your door.

While designers ponder that problem, Taunton Press is issuing books which are sure to gain the attention of homeowners who never expected the typical home repair book, like the mousetrap, to be successfully reinvented. Good reading.

Brian Gardner is an award-winning journalist and native of Oakland.

## 'No cost' loan can save borrower thousands in fees

With the recent rise in mortgage interest rates, potential home buyers continue to look for new ways to save money when purchasing a home. For some, even the slightest increase in interest rates makes buying a home impossible.

But for those buyers who are tight on cash for the down payment, let alone closing costs, there is a relatively new mortgage option available — "no cost" loans.

A "no cost" loan takes the burden off the borrower to come up with the additional cash for originating and closing the loan.

In addition, saving on up-front fees allows the borrower to put more money toward the down payment, which is cited as the main obstacle keeping people from buying homes.

And although many buyers negotiate to have the seller pay their closing costs, "no cost" loans eliminate the up-front fees, giving the

### But buyer beware, not all 'no cost' loans are alike.

buyer more bargaining power to negotiate for a lower price on the home.

While there are several "no cost" loan programs available, each program can vary by lender and by state. Many, however, waive such fees as points, origination, appraisal, escrow, title, and recording fees.

Based on a \$150,000 loan, these fees can result in a \$4,000 savings!

For those buyers who have no problem coming up with the down, the extra money saved by obtaining a "no cost" loan means more money for new drapes, carpet, furniture, landscaping, or even a vacation.

"No cost" loans are not just for first-time home buyers or borrow-

ers with limited funds, but also for those looking to refinance.

Refinancing allows the borrowers to lower their monthly payment, saving potentially hundreds of dollars each month, at no cost to them.

When shopping for a "no cost" loan, look for a lender that offers a program with no hidden fees and a low interest rate.

Although most "no cost" loans have prepayment penalties, those with no more than a two- to three-year prepayment term are optimal. Statistically, most home buyers stay in their home a minimum of five to seven years before moving or refinancing.

But buyer beware, not all "no

cost" loans are alike. While "no cost" loans will have a slightly higher margin than a loan with up-front fees, watch out for those loans where the factor or margin has been dramatically increased, which will cost the borrower substantially more over the life of the loan.

Home Savings of America, for example, offers a "no cost" loan that is an adjustable rate mortgage (ARM) tied to the Cost of Funds Index, one of the slowest-moving indices available.

The program has a low start rate and margin, is assumable, and requires as little as 10 percent down.

In addition, for the buyer who is unsure of how much home they can afford, Home Savings offers "Advanced Loan Approval," providing the customer with a certificate stating their pre-approved loan amount that is good for 60 days.

## Area Home Sales

**ALAMEDA**  
2204 Clinton Ave. - \$252,500  
1200 Hawthorne St. - \$650,000  
1906 Lafayette St. - \$209,000  
2909 Madison St. - \$169,000  
241 Riddell Lane #2D - \$219,000  
1314 Santa Clara Ave. - \$127,000  
1825 Shoreline Dr. #201 - \$176,000  
2101 Shoreline Dr. #435 - \$155,000  
1333 Webster St. #A112 - \$90,000  
1321 Webster St. #D110 - \$96,000

**ALBANY**  
843 Ramona Ave. - \$215,000  
639 Santa Fe Ave. - \$280,000

**BERKELEY**  
2404 10th St. - \$116,000  
2330 7th St. - \$182,500  
1800 Blake St. - \$345,000  
424 Grizzly Peak Blvd. - \$260,000  
2525 Hawthorne Terr. - \$435,500  
941 Hilldale Ave. - \$329,000  
1817 Hopkins St. - \$285,000  
2942 Linden Ave. - \$355,000  
2117 McGee Ave. - \$230,000  
1515 North St. - \$285,000  
1175 Oxford St. - \$380,500  
97 Parkside Dr. - \$628,000  
2636 Regent St. #4 - \$124,000  
1108 Shattuck Ave. - \$277,000  
95 Vicente Road - \$100,000  
998 Virginia St. - \$210,000

**EL CERRITO**  
1249 Liberty St. - \$385,000  
7302 Manila Ave. - \$226,000  
7335 Rockway Ave. - \$220,000

**EMERYVILLE**  
8 Captain Dr. #E462 - \$107,500  
9 Commodore Dr. #A103 - \$106,000  
22 Emery Bay Dr. - \$110,000

**KENSINGTON**  
52 Kensington Court - \$416,000  
44 Lenox Road - \$375,000

**OAKLAND**  
1013 Ashmount Ave. - \$505,000  
2453 Bartlett St. - \$105,000  
1810 Bridge Ave. - \$100,000  
2490 Burlington St. - \$339,000  
9938 C St. - \$109,000  
610 Chetwood St. - \$270,000  
14 Crestmont Dr. - \$272,000  
5521 East 16th St. - \$146,000  
1361 East 33rd St. - \$130,000  
5027 Foothill Blvd. - \$165,000  
2765 Garden St. - \$139,000  
3663 Green Acre Road - \$139,000  
6308 Hillmont Dr. - \$188,000  
1 Kelton Court #5G - \$77,500  
5749 La Salle Ave. - \$365,000  
5816 Lawton Ave. - \$234,000  
1610 Leimert Blvd. - \$305,000  
5425 Market St. - \$100,000  
339 Marlow Dr. - \$249,500

3675 Midvale Ave. - \$280,000  
526 Mira Vista Ave. - \$170,000  
5400 Mountain Blvd. - \$120,500  
9360 Mountain Blvd. - \$140,000  
4363 Oak Hill Road - \$220,000  
7046 Outlook Ave. - \$110,000  
2319 Park Blvd. - \$173,000  
5850 Picardy Dr. - \$130,000  
7120 Pinehaven Road - \$140,000  
220 Santa Rosa Ave. - \$110,000  
14 Sereno Circle - \$225,000  
24 Stark Knoll Place - \$40,000  
4180 Whittle Ave. - \$130,000  
729 Willow St. - \$109,500  
2378 Woolsey St. - \$79,000

**SALES STATS BY CITY**  
**ALAMEDA**  
TOTAL SALES: 10  
LOWEST PRICE: \$90,000  
HIGHEST PRICE: \$650,000  
AVERAGE PRICE: \$214,000

**ALBANY**  
TOTAL SALES: 2  
LOWEST PRICE: \$215,000  
HIGHEST PRICE: \$280,000  
AVERAGE PRICE: \$247,500

**BERKELEY**  
TOTAL SALES: 16  
LOWEST PRICE: \$100,000  
HIGHEST PRICE: \$628,000  
AVERAGE PRICE: \$232,000

**EL CERRITO**  
TOTAL SALES: 3  
LOWEST PRICE: \$226,000  
HIGHEST PRICE: \$385,000  
AVERAGE PRICE: \$277,000

**EMERYVILLE**  
TOTAL SALES: 3  
LOWEST PRICE: \$110,000  
HIGHEST PRICE: \$107,500  
AVERAGE PRICE: \$107,500

**KENSINGTON**  
TOTAL SALES: 2  
LOWEST PRICE: \$375,000  
HIGHEST PRICE: \$416,000  
AVERAGE PRICE: \$395,500

**OAKLAND**  
TOTAL SALES: 35  
LOWEST PRICE: \$77,500  
HIGHEST PRICE: \$505,000  
AVERAGE PRICE: \$188,000

This list was researched by Hills Newspapers Reports, Inc. of Walnut Creek. It obtains monthly records of county recorder's office. It does not guarantee accuracy or completeness of the information. Prices are estimated based on comparable county transfer values.

# YOUR WEEKEND GUIDE TO OPEN HOMES

## OAKLAND Open Sunday 2-4:30 pm

6632 LIGGETT, Pied. Side, 2 Legal Homes on Gated 1/2 Acre Lot  
Owner, 339-0687 SUNDAY 1-5 \$859,000  
5983 GIRVIN DR, 4-bd/3ba Piedmont Pines  
Better Homes, D. C. Hodges 339-8400 \$850,000  
5944 MILES AVE, Stunning 4 yr old Rockridge/Temescal 4/2  
Templeton Company 652-2133 \$550,000  
5800 WESTOVER DR, Montclair New Constr. Sunny, Lg Lot!  
Wells & Bennett, Dave Schnayer 465-2521 MLS 025116 \$499,000  
3108 ROBINSON, Montclair, Just Listed! 3+2+ w/Pool, SF View  
Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, Kurt Buchholz 466-5509 \$385,000  
3042 HOLYROOD DR, 1st Open! Elegant Piedmont Pines Trad!  
The GRUBB Company, Katherine Cooper 339-0400 \$367,000  
1290 ESTUDILLO, 4bd/1ba 3000 sq.ft. Large Park-like Lot  
Mason-McDuffie 834-2010, Elaine Brown 869-4946 \$355,000  
6920 BRISTOL, 3bd/3ba New Contemporary, Canyon Views  
Wells & Bennett, Mary Neuberger 635-9103 \$349,000  
2962 BURDECK, Joaquin Miller 3bd/3ba  
Coldwell Banker, Ruby Ng 339-1174 \$339,000  
4926 STONERIDGE CT, Ridgemont 3bd/2+ba, View! Level Yd  
Pacific Union, Robyn Mohr 339-6460 \$339,000  
859 ROSEMOUNT RD, Crocker Highlands 3 1/2, New Kitchen!  
The GRUBB Company, Judy Cain 339-0400 \$335,000  
5891 MORPETH ST, Sunny Upper Rockridge 3/2 Trad!, 1st Open  
The GRUBB Company, Sheila Gallagher 339-0400 \$329,000  
5710 MORAGA, Montclair 2bd/2ba, Designer Remodel, Top Quality  
Better Homes, Helen Nicholas 339-8400 \$329,000  
827 MANDANA, New Listing! Charming 3/2 Trad!, Fm! DR  
Wells & Bennett, Katie Meadow 482-3576 MLS 035513  
CANCELLED IF RAINING \$324,000  
6363 DORAN DR, Montclair 3bd/2+ba, Reduced, Motivated Seller  
Better Homes 339-8680 \$299,000  
1855 MANZANITA, Montclair Contemporary, Best Buy! Move In!!  
Wells & Bennett, Marie Kenaga 339-1774 MLS 033283 \$299,000  
3063 CARLSEN, Upper Laurel 3+bd/2ba, 2Fpl, Full In-Law  
Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, Bill Boze 869-4202 \$299,000  
7612 SURREY LANE, 4bd/3ba, Lovely Family Room, Lots of Space  
Mason-McDuffie, Demetrius 834-2010 \$289,999  
4695 REINHARDT, 5bd/2+ba, Spacious! Perfect for Growing Family  
Mason-McDuffie, Demetrius 834-2010 \$286,000

30 OVERLAKE CT, Mtclair 2+bd/1 1/2ba, Split Lvl, Marble Fpl  
Better Homes, Nahid Nassiri 531-1671 \$279,000  
5321 THOMAS, Rockridge Trad!, 3bd, Walk to College Ave  
Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, Mark Cujak 869-4237 \$279,000  
6762 BANNING DR, Spacious Quiet 3bd/2+ba, OWC 1st or 2nd  
Templeton Company 652-2133 \$259,000  
842-842A WALKER, Reduced, 2 Units, 2bd Up/ 1bd Dwn, 2 Cr Gar.  
Owner (Agnts 3%) MLS 834-8768 SUNDAY NOON-4 \$258,500  
2 EDMONT WAY, Oakland Hills 4/2 1/2, Large Family Home!  
Better Homes, Rosemary Greene 339-4000 \$257,000  
17 WHITTLE CT, Upper Dimond 3+bd/1 1/2ba, Entry Garden  
Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, Ellen Marshall 869-4218 \$250,000  
4830 DAVENPORT, 3bd/1ba Beautifully Updated Family HOME  
Mason-McDuffie, Michelle Vasey 428-0900 \$239,000  
4671 DAVENPORT, Redwood Hts, 2 bd/2ba, 3 Bridge View  
Mason-McDuffie 339-8888, Susan Casquero 834-2010 \$229,000  
3956 CANON AVE, "The Creekside", Stunning 2bd, Grmt Kit, Frpl  
436-5759 OPEN SATURDAY 2-4 \$229,000  
3309 WISCONSIN ST, Laurel 2/1 Adorable Spanish Med.  
Pacific Union, Donna Costella 339-6460 \$225,000  
3039 KANSAS ST, Laurel 3bd/2ba, Charming Tudor, Legal Rental  
Better Homes, Michael Harding 654-2669 \$219,000  
4876 REINHARDT, Redwood Hts, Spacious, Reduced 3bd/2ba  
Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, Bernadette Mele 869-4231 \$210,000  
4031 HUNTINGTON, Upper High, New Constr., 3b/2+ba, Grt Area  
Mason-McDuffie 339-8888, Andy Ng 869-4239 \$198,000  
5328 BOYD AVE, Rockridge Fixer, 2/1 Bungalow, Walk Mkt Hall  
Coldwell Banker, Don Coelho 339-1174 \$195,000  
5915 THORNHILL DR, Mtclair 2/1 Cottage, Move In Condition!  
Better Homes, Steven Biasatti 339-8400 \$189,500  
4231 GILBERT ST, Charming 2bd, Piedmont Ave Area  
The GRUBB Company, Linda E. McClain 339-0400 \$189,000  
4101 MAYNARD, 3 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath  
Mason-McDuffie 339-8787, Margie Wright 869-4251 \$187,000  
2851 MORCOM AVE, Maxwell Park, 5bd/2ba Spacious  
Mason-McDuffie 428-0900, Lori Meyer 273-9559 \$187,000  
376 ORANGE #4, Unique Spanish Twtnsh 2bd + Ofc, Sunroom  
Wells & Bennett, Dick or Sandi 339-1117 \$169,000  
845 45TH ST, 2bd/1ba, Great Yard w/Hot Tub! Formal DR  
Mason-McDuffie 834-2010, John Bell 839-3438 \$129,750

388 SANTA CLARA AVE, Spanking New 14 Custom Condos  
Better Homes IPM Co., Carol Warren 836-4800 SAT/SUN 2-5  
750 OAKLAND AVE, Very Large 1bd Condo, Piedmont Border  
Mary Dunn, Agent 654-4277  
193 MONTECITO, 1bd/1ba Condo, Adams Point, Sharp!  
Mason-McDuffie 834-2010, Paul Menwether 801-5059

## ALBANY Open Sunday

1055 POMONA AVE, 2bd/1ba Hill Views, Level Garden  
Pacific Union, Brooks Anderson 339-6460 SUNDAY 2-4:30

## BERKELEY Open Sunday 2-4:30 pm

2958 RUSSELL, 4bd/2 1/2ba Edwardian, at Claremont, Deck, Yd  
Mason-McDuffie, Linda Miller 849-3711 SUNDAY 2-4  
3108 CLAREMONT AVE, 3+bd/3ba, Remodeled Kitchen  
Templeton Company, Mary Montali 848-3997  
1080 KEELER AVE, Berkeley Hills 2bd/1 1/2, Just Listed, Fab View  
Mason-McDuffie 428-0900, Marlene Daniels 763-5807  
2211 BROWNING, Berkeley 2/1 Bungalow w/Sep. Cottage  
Mason-McDuffie 339-8888, Mike Potmesil 869-4241  
1301 LA LOMA AVE, Fmrr RE Ofc can be Converted to Singl Fam  
Equity Property Mgmt, Inc. Ed Hammonds 295-1827 SUNDAY 2-4

## ORINDA Open Sunday

4 SOUTHWOOD DR, Orinda 3 bedroom, 2 bath  
Coldwell Banker, Donna DeBardi 339-1174 SUNDAY 2-4:30

## PIEDMONT Open Sunday 2-4:30 pm

416 PARK WAY, 3/3, Lg. Assum. Loan, AuPair Qtrs  
Mason-McDuffie 428-0900, Cindy Fleming 287-8840  
2040 OAKLAND AVE, 4bd/3ba Above Highland, Lvl Yd, Charm  
Mason-McDuffie 428-0900, Lois Heyden 547-4579  
918 ROSE AVE, Craftsman 4/3, Spacious Fm! DR  
The GRUBB Company, Sheri McKay 339-0400  
314 MAGNOLIA, Sunny 1/1, Large Rooms, Sunny, Garden  
Mason-McDuffie 428-0900, Caroline Peters 547-1722

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## RATES

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0-15	\$20.00	\$39.00	\$57.00	\$70.00	\$17.50
16-20	\$24.25	\$47.50	\$69.75	\$86.00	\$21.50
21-25	\$28.50	\$56.00	\$82.50	\$102.00	\$25.50
26-30	\$32.75	\$64.50	\$95.25	\$118.00	\$29.50
31-35	\$37.00	\$73.00	\$108.00	\$134.00	\$33.50
36-40	\$41.25	\$81.50	\$120.75	\$150.00	\$37.50
41-45	\$45.50	\$90.00	\$133.50	\$166.00	\$41.50
46-50	\$49.75	\$98.50	\$146.25	\$182.00	\$45.50

ea. additional  
5 words \$ 4.25 \$ 8.50 \$ 12.75 \$ 16.00 \$ 4.00  
Your ad will be published in: The Montclair & The Piedmont on Tuesday, The Berkeley Voice & The Journal on Thursday, and The Montclair on Friday.  
You may include your ad in The Alameda Journal (published Tuesday and Friday) for the following rate:

Words	1 week	2 weeks	3 weeks	4 weeks	ea. additional week*
0-15	\$29.50	\$56.00	\$82.60	\$109.15	\$26.55
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5 words	\$ 6.30	\$12.60	\$18.90	\$ 25.20	\$ 6.30

\*Additional week rate applies only when the ad is originally ordered for more than 4 wks.  
Extra charges for bold face, centered lines and capitalized words.

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Ads Beginning	Tuesday/Thursday	Deadline: 11:00 a.m. Monday
Service Ads	Friday	Deadline: 11:00 a.m. Thursday
Legal Ads	Tuesday/Thursday	Deadline: 4:00 p.m. Friday
Holiday (3 day weekends)	Friday	Deadline: 11:00 a.m. Thursday
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**Policies**  
We make every effort to avoid errors in advertisements. Please check your ad the first day it appears. If an error is noticed, call (510) 339-8777 immediately to inform us and to make the correction. We are not responsible for more than one correction insertion, or for errors that do not affect the value of the ad. Liability is limited to the cost of space occupied by the error. We cannot promise the order in which ads appear under one heading.

**Cancellations**  
Please retain the number you are given at the time you place your cancellation order. No adjustments will be made without a cancellation number. **REFUNDS, CREDITS AND ADJUSTMENTS WILL BE MADE FOR REMAINING FULL WEEKS ONLY.**

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Fill out and mail/fax to: 6208 La Salle Ave., Oakland, CA 94611 • Phone (510) 339-8777  
Make checks payable to: The Hills Newspapers, Inc. Fax (510) 339-6101

Home phone \_\_\_\_\_ Day Phone \_\_\_\_\_

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## Automotive

### 101 Autos

ALL Autos Wanted! Full Internal Revenue Service Tax Deduction for 1993 to help the Homeless Children. Please call at 415-871-0885. We need Vans, Cars, RVs, Trucks. Thank you!

FORD Festiva, 1989, like new, 4 speed, only 69K miles, \$3950 or best offer. 452-6268

HONDA Civic DX, 1986, 5 speed \$3,000. Gold rims, cassette, looks and runs great. 665-1352

JEEP Cherokee 4x4, 1987, 2 door, 5 speed, 95,000 miles, excellent condition, \$6900 658-6375

MAZDA 929, 1989, black, loaded, excellent condition, phone, cd, leather, one owner. \$10,000/ Offer. 652-1077

VOLKSWAGEN Rabbit 1977, brown, leather seats, about 110K. Runs great, needs more work. \$550 547-1399

## Announcements

### 201 Announcements

BOY Scout uniforms. Clean out the closet and recycle them to help youngsters. Leave at The Montclair office.

BACK in the area, Marlene Fontes formerly from Montclair Hair Co., now at Gilve Salon, 5303 College Ave., Oakland. 652-5454. 30% off services by Marlene.

## SUPER STRETCH LIMO

Double sun, roof, 10 CD Sony Stereo, TV, VCR \$40/hour 530-7865

**LIVE HOLIDAY MUSIC!**  
Daniels And Spross, flute and guitar duo. Call 843-6147. Now booking.

### 203 Found

To encourage our readers to advertise Found Items, The Hills Newspapers is pleased to offer Found fee of charge for 2 weeks (maximum 15 words).

GRAY striped kitten, pot of Chelton December 4. Very affectionate. 482-4880

FOUND: Russian Passport, visitor from St. Petersburg. Please call Alia 704-7475

BLACK Golden Retriever/ Spaniel mix. Older and loving. 633-6665.

COCKER Spaniel, tan, 5-10 years old. Found on Arlington Blvd. In El Cerrito. 549-0361

SWEET friendly male gray/ white large Tabby. Rustling Swainland December 10. White fleck only. 653-9165

MALE Kitten. Velvety black, delicate/ loving. Good with dog. Call to adopt. 653-5377

### 204 Giveaway

As a community service The Hills Newspapers is pleased to offer Giveaway fee of charge for 2 weeks (maximum 15 words).

FREE 1/2 grown cats need homes. Healthy, cute, playful. Call 530-8897. I have voice mail.

FLUORESCENT Light Tubes, slightly used. Quantity 3300. 4 feet long. Available free. Call 839-1744

YOUNG Labrador needs home. Likes kids, housebroken, sprayed, shots, some obedience. Jerry 548-9724

ADULT Male Springer Spaniel, an absolute sweetheart, needs a new home. Call Nicole at 530-2635. Comes with a dog house, accessories and a HUGE HEART

HEALTHY Manx cat, female, FIV positive. Needs indoor home, no other animals. Very affectionate. 547-6937

### 205 Lost

LARGE gray and white male cat. Rear legs, gray; front legs, white. Reward: (510) 658-9670

HEARING aid, December 6, MacArthur in front of house of Produce. Call Charles 510-531-0527

## Education

### 302 Childrens Schools & Camps

**CIRCLE PRESCHOOL**  
Offers programs for curious children ages 18 months to 6 years. 547-6447

**SMILES DAY SCHOOL**  
Pre-school program 2.9-5 years. Full-time and part-time. Before and after school program. Pick up and delivery to local elementary schools. 7:30-6:00 339-3830

**PEDMONT PLAYSCHOOL**  
Cooperative preschool, Monday-Friday, 9-12. Opening for 3 year old. Warm, nurturing. 547-0189

**303 Instruction & Tutoring**

**A LEARNING PLACE**  
Reading, Language Arts, Math, Science, SAT Prep, Diagnostic Testing. Oakland/Berkeley 531-2500

MATH Tutor. Classroom teacher, B.A. Mathematics, over 15 Alameda and Albany clients. Henri Ducharme, 531-9576

MACINTOSH tutor, patient and experienced, beginner/intermediate. Purchasing advice, modem, memory, system upgrades. Julian 237-2105

BLOOD Drawing Phlebotomy course by Boston Reed Company. Call 1-800-201-1141. State registered institution. #2800291

PRIVATE Tutoring for elementary school children (all subjects). Flexible scheduling. Also available Winter Break- great time to catch up/ get ahead! Experienced. References. Danette (510) 549-3572

**304 Musical Instruction**

PIANO Lessons for all ages and levels. Taught with a light touch. Leslie 524-3858

QUITAR or bass lessons, 25 years experience. Very patient. (Seniors special rate) Gene, 531-5625 message

## Employment

### 401 Help Wanted

ADMINISTRATIVE Assistant wordprocessing skills, Mac, WordPerfect 5.1. Good customer service, professional appearance. 444-0290

**REACH**  
Thousands of Readers Weekly With a Classified Ad 339-8777

## 401 Help Wanted

### ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

**Just In Time For The Holidays!**  
Bradford has many immediate East Bay temporary and career administrative positions if you know Word, Windows, Lotus and/or Excel Great Pay! Top company! Benefits, too! We need:

- Receptionists
- Word Processors
- Office Clerks
- Data Entry
- Executive Assistants
- Telemarketers
- Legal Secretaries

Call 272-9940 or Fax: 272-0212 BRADFORD PERSONNEL 1970 Broadway, Oakland 94612

**AESTHETICIAN** needed in full service salon with store frontage. Monday, Wednesday, Friday mornings, make-up, on all types of skin. 510-852-5250 leave message

**ANIMAL Keeper** part-time. Children's Fairland. Experience required. 452-2259

**APARTMENT MANAGERS**  
Experienced, energetic team for twenty unit building near Lake. Rentals, collections, light maintenance, exchanges for 2 bedroom. 452-0162

**BAKERY** counter/ office, full-time, part-time. Will train management potential. Julie's Norbit Mill, Emeryville. 652-9026

**BAKERY** production for Zoe's Cookies, Richmond. Baking, packaging, shipping. Minimum experience approximately 24 hours/ week, mixing experience a plus. \$6- \$7 hour. Leave message 237-4520

**BANKING**

Bank of the West has openings for Fleet Customer Service Representatives in our Lakeshore Branch. These positions require previous banking or strong cash handling, and customer service experience. Ability to promote products and services is also desired. Hours may vary to include Saturdays. Please apply in person or send resume to: Bank of the West, 3400 Lakeshore Avenue, Oakland, CA 94610. EOE

**BOOKKEEPER** full-time for small office. Experienced in general accounting and computers. Mail resume to: 2554 Bancroft Way, Berkeley, CA 94704 or FAX (510) 420-8980

**BOOKKEEPER** small East Bay company looking for full charge bookkeeper to run accounting functions. Must have 3+ years experience in all facets of accounting through financial statements on computerized system. Strong computer skills a must. 25 hours/ week but could turn into full-time position. Send resume to: 4155 MacArthur Blvd., Oakland, 94619

**Business is BOOMING**  
Need 18-26 people immediately. No Experience necessary. Ring (510) 848-3541

**CLERICAL/ Data entry**, 55 words per minute. Full time \$5 per hour. 352-7490

**COOPERATIVE Cleaning Company** is hiring cleaners. \$6/hour to start, experience not necessary. Full-time, CDL required, EOE, non-smoker. Call 849-0695

**C PROGRAMMER** with support background for small start up. Adsoft, P.O. Box 2094, San Leandro, CA 94577

**DENTAL Assistant**, experienced. Part-time for busy North Berkeley office. 841-0662

**EXPERIENCED counter help** needed for espresso cart in Emeryville. \$8-10 per hour. Call 547-2477 for interview

**GIFT Wrapper/ shipping**, full-time for J. Nesbitt, 2050 Webster, Oakland. Apply in person

**HELPER**, some heavy lifting, rug company. Call 11-1 p.m. 658-0203

**HORTICULTURIST** needed by plant company for installations, indoor/ outdoor plant care. Must have car and experience. Lots of responsibility and hard work! Full-time 652-6020

**HOUSECLEANING**, No rights- no weekends. Monday- Friday Weekly. Need car/ Insurance. Merry Maids, 528-1249

**IMPORTANCE** paid to maturity, experience, compassion. Certified Nurses Aides, Home Aides, part-time to 24 hours care. A Caring Connection. 524-8076

**JANITOR**, Bancroft Clothing Co. Monday- Saturday, 8 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. Must be bondable, long-term permanent. Apply in person at 2530 Bancroft Way in Berkeley

**LANDSCAPE** Installation Assistant- Maintenance Gardener. Approximately 25-30 hours a week. Must have experience. 524-9572. 1-4 p.m. leave message

**LEGAL** secretary, part-time, permanent, good skills, experience necessary. \$15/hour. Lakeshore area. Sole practitioner. 832-5060

**LEGAL WORD PROCESSOR**  
Immediate opening for part-time legal word processor. 4 hours per day/ 5 days per week. 9:00 a.m. - 1 p.m. WP 5.1 required. Proven legal transcription skills. Excellent grammar and spelling. Please send resume to: Elaine Harrison, Hardin, Cook, 1999 Harrison St., 18th floor, Oakland, CA 94612

**MANAGEMENT**, Merritt College Bookstore, looking for full-time textbook coordinator. Previous bookstore experience is preferred. Must be outgoing and customer service driven. Apply in person, 12500 Campus Dr., Oakland

**MEDICAL Secretary/ Billing** Experience. Full time. Benefits. Send resume Robert Davis MD, 2940 Webster, Oakland 94609. EOE







## 725 APT. FOR RENT 1 BEDROOMS

**\$625** ONE bedroom, spacious apartment in Bella Vista Park with panoramic view, beautiful yard. Garage, sundeck and in-house laundromat. 532-7226

**\$625** ONE bedroom, garage, laundry, Mariposa Ave., near Piedmont, bus, freeway. No pets 547-0356

**\$625** PIEDMONT border near Rose Garden, quiet upscale condominium. Pool, parking and sauna. No smoking or pets. West Management, 893-9378

**\$630** ENORMOUS, bright 1 bedroom in quiet building near Lake, San Francisco bus, Grand Ave. and Lakeshore shopping. Views of Lake and park, patio, garage. Boden Way near Beacon St 428-1864

**\$630** UTILITIES included. Country living in Oakland, 1 bedroom garden apartment on 3/4 acre. Large organic garden, washer/dryer, cats okay. 531-4325, 482-6536

**\$635** CONDOMINIUM near Piedmont. Cozy, architecturally exciting, deck, dishwasher. 473 Jean (Santa Clara) 272-9512

**\$635** NEW security building. Microwave, dishwasher, garbage disposal, refrigerator, balcony, garage, laundry. Easy access to San Francisco. Berkeley, Walnut Creek 125 Moss Ave. 547-4728

**\$640** UPPER Grand Lakeshore, near Piedmont. Balcony, pool, laundry on each floor, gated parking. Fantastic location, move-in bonus. 465-3648

## EXCELLENT LOCATION

Grand Lake above MacArthur. Top floor. Light, bright, newly painted. Huge living room, large kitchen, generous closets. Laundry, most utilities. Quiet, secure, owner managed. No pets. 937-8944

## CLASSIC 1920'S

English Tudor security building, desirable China Hill location, spectacular top floor corner unit, featuring decorative fireplace, high ceilings, hardwood floors, separate breakfast room, parking available, tastefully refurbished enhancing original style and design. Available January. 482-3372, 547-4020, (415) 459-1307

## QUALITY BUILDING

366 Stetten - 1 bedroom, condo quality, off-street parking included, elevator, coin laundry. Call Pat or Will at 451-0870

## ADAMS POINT LANDMARK

266 Lenox - 1920's charm - large 1 bedroom. Includes utilities. Fully eq'd kitchen, hardwood floors, bay windows, tiled bath, walk in closets, built-in cabinets, intercom, elevator. Call 835-1961

**\$650** 5675 UPPER Grand Lake, carpeted, dishwasher, disposal. Views, parking, laundry. Patio. Call ready 836-1356

**\$650** GRAND lake, 1 bedroom - secured, neat-included, laundry, pool, sauna, parking, large patio. 530-7157

**\$650** HARDWOOD floors, parking, patio. Above Chino Hills. 2666 Telegraph - Water and garbage. Move-in now, on pay until January 1. 428-1633

**\$650** LARGE 1 bedroom in lovely triplex, great location. Garage, storage. Call okay 834-4213

**\$650** LARGE 1 bedroom condo, A/EK, parking, near Lake Merritt 580, balcony, fresh paint, 653-9220

**\$650** ONE bedroom, 1 bath, dishwasher, balcony, off-street parking, security entrance, off Grand Avenue. Call Michelle 531-7025

**\$650** QUIET building, 1 bedroom, bath, near Lakeshore shops, deck, parking. 832-8356

**\$650** SUNNY and clean one bedroom, 1 bath. Upstairs unit with balcony in duplex. Hardwood floors, laundry facilities, off-street parking. Call 425 Van Dyke. Agent (no fee) 833-9901

**\$650** TOP floor, 5-pkx, charming large, 1/2 block Grand Lake Theater, hardwood floors, large closets. No pets. 832-8306, before noon

**\$655** BRIGHT large 1 bedroom, parking, private balcony. Very clean, quiet. Near Lake, Transportation 893-0711

**\$660** BEAUTIFUL 1 bedroom, private balcony, parking. Lots of space. Near Lake, Grand, Transportation 268-1006

## ★ SAUNAS ★★

Upscale building near Piedmont with men's and women's saunas 1 bedroom 360 Monte Vista. Fireplace, carpet, dishwasher, laundry, garage parking included. 865-6279

**\$665** 3733 GRAND Avenue, 6 unit building, hardwood floors, laundry, parking, 832-5811

## UPPER ROCKRIDGE

Cozy, quiet, private, park like setting. Large private patio, or top floor corner unit with view. Includes parking/garage. Call 253-1714

## DIAMOND IN THE ROUGH

180 Montecito - Huge 1 bedroom, 1940's charm, lots of natural light, tiled kitchen with breakfast room, hardwood floors. Must See! Call Tod 836-1777

**\$670** 500 GLENVIEW, unfurnished, all utilities and garage. Security building. First, last and \$400 deposit. 531-1056

**\$675** LARGE, clean, with living, dining, breakfast room, fireplace, huge garden. Pets okay. Four-pkx. 843-7178

**\$675** MONTCLAIR duplex, large 1 bedroom, patio, laundry, garage, no pets. 547-3032

**\$675** ONE bedroom, sunny, historic building, Chino Hills area. Laundry, garage, cable. Available mid-December. 444-2698

**\$675** ONE bedroom Ivy Drive near Lake Merritt 763-5700

**\$675** SPACIOUS 1 bedrooms, patio, modern kitchen, parking, coin laundry, Grand Lake area 523-5351

**\$680** NICE 1 bedroom apartment, 1/2 block to Lake Merritt. Balcony, laundry, Garage parking 833-4311

## UPPER GRAND

Extra large view apartment. Tudor building. High ceilings, old fashion kitchen, lots of cupboards and storage. Grand Ave. to Mandana, left to 832 Erie. 465-7562

## CHARMING OLDER BUILDING

211 Hanover (corner of Lakeshore) 1 plus bedroom, hardwood floors, lots of charm, yard, coin laundry, storage. Call 531-8669

**\$685** MONTCLAIR, deck, view, quiet, lovely, spacious, 1 bedroom plus, wall-to-wall carpets, gas stove. 531-0923

**\$700** MONTCLAIR one bedroom lower flat. Fireplace, hardwoods, deck, pets? Off Thornhill 339559-B Homefinders 459-6450

**\$700** ONE bedroom with formal dining room in beautiful restored turn of century building. Charming garden court yard, original hardwood floors and woodwork. French doors, high security Owner lives on premises. Convenient transportation. A home to be proud of. Available around January 15th. 465-0182

## LUXURY APARTMENT

255 Lee St. 1 bedroom, newer building. Quiet Best Adams Point location. Balcony, walk-in closet, microwave, parking, laundry. Must see! Call 465-5499

**\$715** Huge 1 bedroom with office or extra bedroom. Top floor, large rooms, 15 windows, attractive, small building near Lakeshore. Very quiet. Parking. Includes most utilities. Call okay 531-0567

**\$725** ONE bedroom flat plus den, new paint, dishwasher, garage. Water/garage paid. No dogs. 3817 Shafter. Lois (510) 661-6747, (415) 973-0716

## 725 APT. FOR RENT 1 BEDROOMS

**\$725** QUIET, sunny, upper triplex, 1 1/2 bedrooms near Piedmont Ave. Deck, parking, newly remodeled. All utilities paid. 28A Yosemite 530-4614

**\$735** BAY view, 1 bedroom with garage on quiet cul-de-sac near Oakland Rose Garden. 1 year lease 376-2610

**\$735** CAPE Cod style fourplex. View, hardwood floors, fireplace, picket fence, parking. 536 Fairbanks 832-5811

**\$735** SUNNY 1200 sq. ft. one bedroom, fireplace, view, garage, security, vintage deco building. 645-6413

**\$740** ENTIRE first floor in-law, fireplace, washer/dryer, garage. Near Holy Names Utilities included. 530-9130

**\$750** QUIET, spacious upper unit. Glenview fourplex, hardwood floors, patio, garage, laundry. Available mid-January. 654-5161

**\$750** REDWOOD Heights, large 1 bedroom. Quiet, new patio, deck, yard. Washer/dryer hook-up, fireplace. No pets, non-smoking. 540-7206

**\$760** 7955 LARGE 1 bedrooms with great views in renovated 1920's building. Hardwood floors, high ceiling, closets, near transportation, laundry. 315 Park View Terrace, 832-4782

**\$760** NEAR PIEDMONT, large, sunny, balcony, laundry, secure entrance, parking. Quiet, near transportation, shopping. 652-7719

**\$765** 4525 Edgewood, Glenview 4-pkx, walk to shops and buses. Carpeted, quiet, cheerful, bright, sunporch, laundry, garage. Cat okay. 339-9584

**\$780** LAKE Merritt large Spanish style 1 bedroom. Top floor, sunny, high beamed ceilings, 20 ft. living room, huge closets, dishwasher, parking. 415-681-0474

**\$795** PIEDMONT border, light and bright, hardwood floors, view, parking, storage, small building. 482-5077

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## 726 APT. FOR RENT 2 BEDROOMS

**\$700- \$725** SPACIOUS plan. 2 bath, security building, parking. Diamond District. Move in special. 530-4799

**\$700** CLEAN 2 bedroom, quiet fourplex. Carpets, cable, parking. Near shopping. 266 Atchafalaya 444-6888

**\$715** PIEDMONT Ave neighborhood 2+ bedrooms, 1 bath, second floor of duplex. Call evenings 531-5955

**BEST TWO BEDROOM VALUE**  
High on hill near Lake Merritt, garage available 834-9471, 444-0276

**FREE RENT**  
Spectacular Lake view, balcony, quiet. 763-4019, 652-1252

**LARGE APARTMENT AT COMPETITIVE PRICES**  
LARGE, 2 bedroom. On-Site Maintenance. Complimentary covered garage parking. Elevator. Just blocks from Lake Merritt. Walk to supermarket and drug stores. 832-0721

**\$725** HARDWOOD floors, near Oakland Rose Garden, in fourplex, patio, garage, laundry, deck. 452-2819

**\$725** TWO bedroom, large, sunny, newly renovated, walk-to-walk. Secure building. Parking available. Laundry room. 428-4913

**\$745** ★ **GREAT LAKE LOCATION** ★  
410 Bellevue 2 bedroom. Secured garage parking, laundry, dishwasher, balcony, storage. Near Grand Lake Theater. 763-5578

**LAKE AREA PENTHOUSE**  
601 Brooklyn Ave. - 2 bedroom, Lake view, AEK with dishwasher, deck, intercom entry, gated garage. Call 763-8403

**\$750** 365 Warwick - Large 2 bedroom, 2 bath. Top floor, quiet building, new carpet, walk to Lake and shopping. Call: 465-0969

**\$750** CHARMING 2 bedroom in Victorian style townhouse. Hardwood floors, washer/dryer hook-up, newly remodeled. 465-9064, 351-7963

**\$750** ROCKRIDGE large 2 bedroom with new carpet and paint. Patio, quiet location, parking. Pleasant neighbors. 601-6447

**\$750** SPACIOUS 2 bedroom, 1 bath, sunny, top floor, utilities included, excellent location, 832-3687, 482-3356

**\$750** TWO bedroom Ivy Drive near Lake Merritt 763-5700

**\$765** 26 Adams St. - 2 bedroom, 2 bath. Quiet upper floor, intercom entry, garden courtyard, patio, parking and coin laundry. Call 835-3707

**\$765** VERY large and bright, parking included. 3600 Diamond Ave. 834-9033, 531-7365

**\$775** PIEDMONT  
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**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File No. 94-6828  
The Name of the Business:  
Credit Line Financial, 1290 Monument Blvd.,  
Concord, CA 94520.  
Is hereby registered by the following Owner:  
Donald Oreig, 1631 Monument Blvd., Con-  
cord, CA 94520.

This business is conducted by an individual.  
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Con-  
tra Costa County on November 1, 1994.  
The Journal Number 24, December 1, 8, 15,  
1994.

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File No. 94-6714  
The Name of the Business:  
Royal Out & Style Salon, 1501 Ohio Ave., Rich-  
mond, CA 94801.  
Is hereby registered by the following Owners:  
Charles Muhammad, 645 4th St., Richmond,  
CA 94801.

This business is conducted by individuals -  
Husband and Wife.  
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Con-  
tra Costa County on October 26, 1994.  
The Journal Number 24, December 1, 8, 15,  
1994.

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File No. 94-6707  
The Name of the Business:  
Montessori Community School, 1963 Carlson  
Bld., Richmond, CA 94804.  
Is hereby registered by the following Owner:  
Yara Ann Wright, 6009 Clement Ave. #5,  
Oakland, CA 94618.

This business is conducted by an individual.  
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Con-  
tra Costa County on October 26, 1994.  
The Journal Number 24, December 1, 8, 15,  
1994.

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File No. 94-6569  
The Name of the Business:  
The Alamo Cafe, 1 Alamo Square, Alamo, CA  
94502.  
Is hereby registered by the following Owners:  
Randy Beard, 13909 Grassland Rd., Lodi, CA  
95240.  
Jose Arredondo, 5314 Balhan Ct. #2, Concord,  
CA 94521.

This business is conducted by Co-Partners.  
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Con-  
tra Costa County on October 19, 1994.  
The Journal Number 24, December 1, 8, 15,  
1994.

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File No. 94-6775  
The Name of the Business:  
Pierce Product Distribution, 832 Sandy Cove Dr.,  
Rodeo, CA 94572.  
Is hereby registered by the following Owner:  
Esther Pierce, 832 Sandy Cove Dr., Rodeo, CA  
94572.

This business is conducted by an individual.  
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Con-  
tra Costa County on October 28, 1994.  
The Journal Number 24, December 1, 8, 15,  
1994.

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File No. 94-6793  
The Name of the Business:  
Letters for Less, 1510 Gamay Circle, Oakley, CA  
94561.  
Is hereby registered by the following Owner:  
Cynthia Hutton, 1510 Gamay Circle, Oakley,  
CA 94561.

This business is conducted by an individual.  
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Con-  
tra Costa County on October 28, 1994.  
The Journal Number 1, 8, 15, 22, 1994.

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File No. 94-7130  
The Name of the Business:  
Akimo Software, 117 Ipswich Way, Pleasant Hill,  
CA 94523.  
Is hereby registered by the following Owners:  
Robert, Melvin, Murphy, 117 Ipswich Way,  
Pleasant Hill, CA 94523.

This business is conducted by individuals -  
Husband and Wife.  
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Con-  
tra Costa County on November 15, 1994.  
The Journal Number 1, 8, 15, 22, 1994.

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File No. 94-7206  
The Name of the Business:  
Christina Lights Unlimited, 343 Live Oak Drive,  
Danville, CA 94506.  
Is hereby registered by the following Owner:  
James E. Piedmore, 343 Live Oak Drive, Dan-  
ville, CA 94506.

This business is conducted by an individual.  
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Con-  
tra Costa County on October 26, 1994.  
The Journal Number 24, December 1, 8, 15,  
1994.

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File No. 94-6726  
The Name of the Business:  
JAN Enterprises, 1833 Stratton Cir., Walnut  
Creek, CA 94598.  
Is hereby registered by the following Owner:  
James A. Nosek, 1833 Stratton Cir., Walnut  
Creek, CA 94598.

This business is conducted by an individual.  
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Con-  
tra Costa County on October 26, 1994.

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The Journal Number 24, December 1, 8, 15,  
1994.

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File No. 94-7099  
The Name of the Business:  
Troy's Service, 2608 Saratoga Ave., Concord, CA  
94519.  
Is hereby registered by the following Owner:  
Robert Worsham, 2608 Saratoga Ave., Con-  
cord, CA 94519.

This business is conducted by an individual.  
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Con-  
tra Costa County on November 14, 1994.  
The Journal Number 24, December 1, 8, 15,  
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**STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF**  
**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME**  
File No. 94-000-134  
The following person has abandoned the use of the  
fictitious business name Troy's Service, 2608  
Saratoga Ave., Concord, CA 94519.

The fictitious business name referred to above  
was filed in Contra Costa County on January 6,  
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1. Youko Castellano, 2608 Saratoga Ave.,  
Concord, CA 94519.  
This business was conducted by an individual.  
Signed: Youko Castellano.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk  
of Contra Costa County on November 15, 1994.  
The Journal Number 24, December 1, 8, 15,  
1994.

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File No. 94-6638  
The Name of the Business:  
Wilson Specialty Co., 104 Delta Fair Blvd., No. 200,  
Antioch, CA 94509.  
Is hereby registered by the following Owner:  
Quinton Wilson, 2974 Delta Fair Blvd., No. 200,  
Antioch, CA 94509.

This business is conducted by an individual.  
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Con-  
tra Costa County on October 24, 1994.  
The Journal Number 24, December 1, 8, 15,  
1994.

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File No. 94-7078  
The Name of the Business:  
Bubba Auto Upholstery, 1783 Piedmont Dr., Con-  
cord, CA 94519.  
Is hereby registered by the following Owner:  
Steven K. Bubitz, 1783 Piedmont Dr., Concord,  
CA 94519.

This business is conducted by an individual.  
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Con-  
tra Costa County on November 14, 1994.  
The Journal Number 24, December 1, 8, 15,  
1994.

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File No. 94-6810  
The Name of the Business:  
Giant Burger, 1788 Rumball Rd., San Pablo, CA  
94806.  
Is hereby registered by the following Owner:  
Sang Kuk Lee, 5526 Golubin Common, Fremont,  
CA 94555.

This business is conducted by an individual.  
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Con-  
tra Costa County on October 31, 1994.  
The Journal Number 24, December 1, 8, 15,  
1994.

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File No. 94-7153  
The Name of the Business:  
Drainex Drain and Rooter Service, 1512 Lexing-  
ton Ave., El Cerrito, CA 94530.  
Is hereby registered by the following Owner:  
Pradeep Raj, 1512 Lexington Ave., El Cerrito,  
CA 94530.

This business is conducted by an individual.  
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Con-  
tra Costa County on November 16, 1994.  
The Journal Number 24, December 1, 8, 15,  
1994.

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File No. 94-6810  
The Name of the Business:  
Yan's Restaurant, 4247 Appian Way, Suite C, El  
Solano, CA 94803.  
Is hereby registered by the following Owner:  
Sun Chuan Yan, 791 Prospect Ave. #13, Oak-  
land, CA 94610.

This business is conducted by an individual.  
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Con-  
tra Costa County on October 27, 1994.  
The Journal Number 24, December 1, 8, 15,  
1994.

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This business is conducted by an individual.  
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tra Costa County on October 27, 1994.  
The Journal Number 24, December 1, 8, 15,  
1994.

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File No. 94-6845  
The Name of the Business:  
Alysa Borelli Designs, 4321 Quail Run Ct., Dan-  
ville, CA 94506.  
Is hereby registered by the following Owner:  
Alysa Borelli, 4321 Quail Run Ct., Danville, CA  
94506.

This business is conducted by an individual.  
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Con-  
tra Costa County on November 1, 1994.  
The Journal Number 24, December 1, 8, 15,  
1994.

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File No. 94-7217  
The Name of the Business:  
Floor Tech, 11835 San Pablo Ave., El Cerrito, CA  
94530.  
Is hereby registered by the following Owner:  
Decorative Interiors Inc., El Cerrito, CA 94530.

This business is conducted by a Corporation.  
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Con-  
tra Costa County on November 21, 1994.  
The Journal Number 8, 15, 22, 29, 1994.

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File No. 94-7218  
The Name of the Business:  
House Of Carpets, 11835 San Pablo Ave., El Cer-  
rito, CA 94530.  
Is hereby registered by the following Owner:  
Decorative Interiors Inc., El Cerrito, CA 94530.

This business is conducted by a Corporation.  
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Con-  
tra Costa County on November 21, 1994.  
The Journal Number 8, 15, 22, 29, 1994.

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File No. 94-7070  
The Name of the Business:  
Diskin Drive Services, 330 North Civic Drive,  
504, Walnut Creek, CA 94596.  
Is hereby registered by the following Owner:  
J. Diskin, 330 N. Civic Drive, #504, Walnut  
Creek, CA 94596.

This business is conducted by individuals -  
Husband and Wife.  
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Con-  
tra Costa County on November 14, 1994.  
The Journal Number 8, 15, 22, 29, 1994.

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File No. 94-7182  
The Name of the Business:  
Ruvell's Service, 895 Coral Dr., Rodeo, CA 94572.  
Is hereby registered by the following Owner:  
Martha P. Ruvalcaba, 895 Coral Dr., Rodeo,  
CA 94572.

This business is conducted by individuals -  
Husband and Wife.  
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Con-  
tra Costa County on November 16, 1994.  
The Journal Number 8, 15, 22, 29, 1994.

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File No. 94-6667  
The Name of the Business:  
Pacific Equipment & Leasing Company, 1415  
Oakland Blvd., Ste. 103, Walnut Creek, CA  
94596.  
Is hereby registered by the following Owner:  
Enrique D. Trujillo, 5204 Valmar Dr., Concord,  
CA 94502.

This business is conducted by an individual.  
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Con-  
tra Costa County on October 24, 1994.  
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**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File No. 94-6793  
The Name of the Business:  
Letters for Less, 1510 Gamay Circle, Oakley, CA  
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**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File No. 94-7206  
The Name of the Business:  
Christina Lights Unlimited, 343 Live Oak Drive,  
Danville, CA 94506.  
Is hereby registered by the following Owner:  
James E. Piedmore, 343 Live Oak Drive, Dan-  
ville, CA 94506.

This business is conducted by an individual.  
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Con-  
tra Costa County on October 26, 1994.

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File No. 94-6726  
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JAN Enterprises, 1833 Stratton Cir., Walnut  
Creek, CA 94598.  
Is hereby registered by the following Owner:  
James A. Nosek, 1833 Stratton Cir., Walnut  
Creek, CA 94598.

This business is conducted by an individual.  
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Con-  
tra Costa County on October 26, 1994.

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Key Lindsey, 21805 Todd Avenue, Yorba Linda,  
CA 92687.  
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nership.  
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tra Costa County on November 21, 1994.  
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**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File No. 94-7198  
The Name of the Business:  
Jehova - Jira's, 420 Central Ave., Pittsburg, CA  
94565.  
Is hereby registered by the following Owner:  
Virginia Pearce, 420 Central Ave., Pittsburg,  
CA 94565.

This business is conducted by individuals -  
Husband and Wife.  
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Con-  
tra Costa County on November 18, 1994.  
The Journal Number 1, 8, 15, 22, 1994.

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File No. 94-7188  
The Name of the Business:  
ABS Enterprises, 1712 Wesley Avenue, El Cerrito,  
CA 94530.  
Is hereby registered by the following Owner:  
Cho-Hung Chiu, 1712 Wesley Avenue, El Cer-  
rito, CA 94530.

This business is conducted by an individual.  
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Con-  
tra Costa County on November 18, 1994.  
The Journal Number 1, 8, 15, 22, 1994.

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Is hereby registered by the following Owner:  
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This business is conducted by an individual.  
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Con-  
tra Costa County on November 18, 1994.  
The Journal Number 1, 8, 15, 22, 1994.

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File No. 94-7274  
The Name of the Business:  
1) Camp Quest RV Parts and Supplies 2) Camp  
Quest Office and Repairs, 12605 San Pablo  
Avenue, Richmond, CA 94805.  
Is hereby registered by the following Owners:  
Jennelle Marie Petkovich, 41 Seagull Drive,  
Richmond, CA 94804.

This business is conducted by an individual.  
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Con-  
tra Costa County on November 23, 1994.  
The Journal Number 1, 8, 15, 22, 1994.

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File No. 94-7072  
The Name of the Business:  
Williams & Williams Enterprises, 3909 MacDon-  
ald Avenue, Richmond, CA 94805.  
Is hereby registered by the following Owners:  
Angela D. Williams, 1241 Fairway Drive, Rich-  
mond, CA 94803.







# Strike

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district can suspend the contract and the district maintains the ability to declare an emergency," Brooks said.

Loya, however, said rather than trying to take rights away the district is attempting to increase salaries through a redistribution of funds.

"We have indicated we would consider looking at changing items in the contract they may consider take aways, but we're just talking about changing things to free up money for salaries," he said.

In addition, Loya said the district is proposing under the new contract negotiations that seniority levels be altered when transferring or assigning teachers to a new school is considered.

"It would allow for a more equal representation of teachers instead of excluding minorities. We're not saying abandon seniority, we're saying if it can be shown that seniority is in effect discriminating against minorities it should be re-

laxed," he said.

Employees received a 1 percent raise, in July 1994 since taking a pay cut in 1991.

Teachers and support workers say a long-term plan to restore the 9 percent pay cut could come from the controversial \$5 million tax levied by the district as the Maintenance and Recreation Assessment District.

But school board members at their Dec. 7 meeting approved using the majority of those funds for other purposes.

A portion of the fund was retained with \$300,000 from the one year tax was allocated last week to county tax collection fees and \$500,000 to capital improvement projects, the remaining \$4.2 million was transferred out of the MRAD budget to the general fund to cover a district revenue shortfall in this year's budget.

And Loya added the state fact finder did not include MRAD monies as part of the salary increase formula recommended.

# Blotter

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Cedar (rear speakers taken during the night of Dec. 2), the 700 block of Seaview (stereo face plate taken Nov. 30 at about 1 a.m.), the 2000 block of Mira Vista Drive (change taken from the ashtray during the night of Dec. 2), and the 1200 block of King Drive (cassette tapes taken during the night of Dec. 2).

\* A window at Wouff's Jewellery was broken by a rock; no entry was made.

\* An Oakland man was arrested for writing in the fresh sidewalk cement at Kearney and Fairmount at 7:12 p.m. Dec. 17.

\* Graffiti was sprayed on a bench at the Open House Senior Center during the night of Dec. 4.

\* A small hole was made in a bedroom window by unknown means at 6 p.m. Dec. 6; another resident reported that a lemon had been thrown through a window during the daytime Dec. 1.

\* Cars in three windows were broken by rocks on Colusa Avenue during the night of Dec. 3 -- two in the 700 block, one in the 500 block.

A rock was also used to break a vehicle window in front of St. John the Baptist Church during the day-

time Dec. 3.

\* A blunt object was used to break a vehicle window in the 700 block of Seaview Drive during the night of Dec. 3. \* An El Cerrito male suspect was seen running across a car roof in the 700 block of Kearney Street on the evening of Nov. 29; the roof was dented as a result.

\* A male prowler was seen in the 1700 block of Julian Court at 7:57 p.m. Dec. 2.

\* Outgoing mail was stolen from a residential mailbox in the 1000 block of Liberty Street during the night of Sept. 27. Checks obtained in the theft were later used; the thief used a laser lifting method to remove the name of the recipient.

\* An Oakland man was arrested for stealing coins from a newstand rack at El Cerrito Plaza at 2:20 a.m. Nov. 29.

\* A shoplifter at the Emporium dropped the leather jacket he was taking after being chased by store security.

\* An Albany woman was arrested for shoplifting at the Emporium; a Richmond man was arrested for shoplifting a bicycle at Target.

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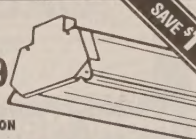
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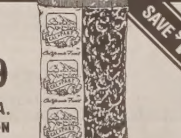
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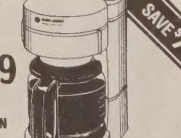
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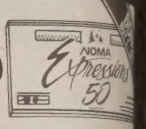
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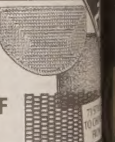
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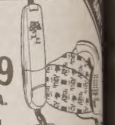
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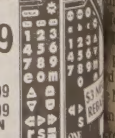
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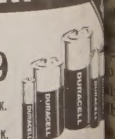
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